MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION

between The National Agency for Higher Education Quality Assurance (Ukraine) and The Scientific Research Evaluation Commission (Republic of Poland)

signed on 9th March 2020 in Warsaw, at the Polish Rectors Foundation

Appreciating the significance of Polish-Ukrainian academic collaboration on the interinstitutional and systemic level, as it is conducted by Warsaw University of Technology in the Polish-Ukrainian Aid Project "Polish-Ukrainian cooperation of academic stakeholder organisations representing rectors for improving university performance" (2018-2021), financed by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of Poland under the patronage of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine, with the support of the Conference of Rectors of Academic Schools in Poland and Union of Rectors of Higher Education Institutions of Ukraine and Polish Rectors Foundation,

Taking into consideration the aspiration of the Participants of this Memorandum to establish cooperation in the field of higher education and science quality assurance,

Striving to create an effective system for the exchange of best practices and experiences and to develop partnerships in this sphere,

The National Agency for Higher Education Quality Assurance (Ukraine) and Scientific Research Evaluation Commission (Republic of Poland) hereinafter referred to as "the Parties", basing on principles of mutual understanding, mutual respect and mutually beneficial cooperation, have concluded this Memorandum on the following:

ARTICLE 1

The Parties shall cooperate through consultations, exchange of best practice, joint activities in the field of higher education quality assurance on the level of doctoral training, and evaluation of scientific activity of Polish and Ukrainian institutions.

ARTICLE 2

In order to coordinate their joint efforts based on this Memorandum, the Parties cooperate in the following areas:

- organization and implementation of joint events, roundtables, conferences, trainings on higher education quality assurance;
- provision of informational, methodological, consulting, organizational and scientific support;
- other areas defined by common needs.

ARTICLE 3

The Parties undertake to act on the basis of the principles of mutual respect, integrity and competence.

ARTICLE 4

By mutual agreement, the Parties shall publish information in their respective periodicals and web pages on joint events, programs, projects, and inform the scientific community and society at large of the results of their cooperation under this Memorandum.

ARTICLE 5

This Memorandum does not entail financial obligations.

Any financial obligations that may arise as a result of implementing the provisions of this Memorandum will be specified in separate agreements between the Parties.

By mutual agreement, the right to use the results of activities arising from the provisions of this Memorandum is vested in the Parties.

ARTICLE 6

This Memorandum does not preclude other forms of cooperation previously agreed upon by the Parties which do not conflict with the provisions of the Parties' charters and the purposes of this Memorandum.

Disputes related to the interpretation or application of the provisions of this Memorandum after its entry into force will be resolved through negotiation and consultations.

The text of this Memorandum may be subject to amendments as agreed by the Parties.

ARTICLE 7

This Memorandum shall enter into force upon signature by both parties and it shall be valid for three (3) years. The Memorandum shall be extended automatically for a further three-year period, unless either party provides written notice of termination prior to its expiration.

Either Party may terminate this Memorandum providing written notification of its intention to the other Party. In such a case, this Memorandum shall cease to have effect one month after the receipt of the relevant notification.

Should this Memorandum be terminated, its provisions will apply until the full implementation of the joint programs and projects launched within it.

Done in Warsaw, March 9, 2020 in two original copies in the English language, which are authentic and have the same legal force.

The National Agency for Higher Education Quality Assurance, Ukraine

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The Scientific Research Evaluation

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