MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
the ASTANA IT UNIVERSITY
and the UNIVERSITY OF CASSINO AND SOUTHERN LAZIO

This agreement is established to promote collaborative academic and cultural interchange between the Astana IT University (KAZ) and the University of Cassino and Southern Lazio (Italy) wishing to enhance relations between our institutions and develop academic and cultural interchange in the areas of education, research and other activities, the Astana IT UNIVERSITY (Kazakhstan) and the University of Cassino and Southern Lazio UNICAS (Italy) hereby agree to cooperate and work together towards the internationalization of higher education.

The areas of cooperation will include any program offered at each institution, which is determined to be desirable and feasible for the achievement of these objectives. However, any specific program shall be subject to the availability of funds and the mutual agreement of the institutions. Such programs may include:

a. Exchange of students
b. Exchange of department members
c. Exchange of administrative staff
d. Double diploma and Joint study programs
e. Joint research projects
f. Joint cultural programs

The terms of such mutual assistance and cooperation shall be discussed and agreed upon in writing by the appropriate responsible officers of the parties prior to the implementation of any program or activity. Each institution nominates a program coordinator to ensure the terms of this agreement are carried out: for the Astana IT UNIVERSITY by the President Prof., Darkhan Akhmed-Zaki for the University of Cassino and Southern Lazio by the Rector prof. Giovanni Betta.

Neither party claims, by virtue of this agreement, any right or legal interest in existing or pending intellectual property, including patents, trademarks, copyright, design patents or other rights of the other party or in any intellectual property that might result from the other party’s prior activities.

This agreement will be effective upon its mutual endorsement from the 17 March 2021 and remain in effect for a period of five (5) years. Renewal may be negotiated during the final year of the agreement. In the event that the agreement is not renewed, any research or related activities in progress at the point of termination will continue until the agreed scope of work has been completed. However, the agreement may be terminated by either Party at the end of any academic year upon sixty (60) days written notice. The agreement may also be amended or extended by mutual consent of the Parties.

Each Party remains liable for all risks of personal injury and property damage caused by negligent acts or omissions of that Party, but subject to all applicable immunities granted by law to either Party. Each Party shall be deemed as an independent contractor and not liable for acts of the other, nor shall they be liable for the acts of any other participants in the exchange.
Both parties declare and agree that they practice non-discrimination and hence favor equal opportunities.

This agreement is to be executed in 2 copies.

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