

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF THE CENTRAL AMERICAN INTEGRATION SYSTEM AND THE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN)**

**Recitals**

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (the "MOU"), entered into by and between the International Cooperation and Development Fund ("TaiwanICDF") and the General Secretariat of the Central American Integration System ("SG-SICA") (jointly referred to as the "Parties"), sets forth the Parties' understanding regarding their mutual cooperation as described below.

**Whereas,**

The TaiwanICDF, in accordance with its founding principles, has been pursuing the goals to strengthen international cooperation and enhance foreign relations through the promotion of economic development, social progress, and the welfare of all mankind; and the TaiwanICDF is willing to draw on Taiwan's competitive advantages and continuously responds to the needs of its bilateral, multilateral and regional partners to strengthen cooperation and partnerships.

**Whereas,**

The SICA, as an institutional framework for Central America regional integration, is supported by its member states and adopts the strategic vision to capitalize on the regional integration potential as an instrument for development, and is willing to deploy the strategic framework, drawing on the five integration pillars: social integration, economic integration, democratic security, prevention and mitigation of natural disasters and the effects of climate change and institutional strengthening and the relationship with development partners.

In light of that the TaiwanICDF and the SG-SICA share the common belief in the importance of development, the Parties wish to declare their willingness to deepen their friendship and strengthen their cooperation through joint efforts to support the well-being of people in the SICA region.

Therefore, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

**Article I Objectives**

The Parties will cooperate with each other to strengthen regional development following the principles outlined in the "Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness", the "Accra Agenda for Action", and the "Busan Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation", and those established in SICA's Mechanism for Management, Coordination and Information of Regional Cooperation.

## Article II Guidelines for Cooperation and Actions

1. In planning and co-executing the relevant projects, the Parties will adopt their respective strategies and plans, in accordance with the Tegucigalpa Protocol to the Organization of Central American States (ODECA) Charter, and the SICA's Mechanism for the Management, Coordination and Information of the Regional Cooperation.
2. The Parties will carry out projects, in terms of their management or arrangement, in accordance with the principles of transparency, broad participation and mutual accountability.
3. The Parties may jointly determine the countries and fields of cooperation based on their respective priorities.
4. The Parties will cooperate on the consensus principles and direction reached at the Meeting of the Joint Commission between Allies of the Isthmus of Central America and the Republic of China (Taiwan).

## Article III Fields of Cooperation

The TaiwanICDF and SG-SICA share the common belief in the importance of development and look forward to strengthening cooperation by supporting the development opportunities for social, economic, environmental, democratic security and institutional strengthening fields. For this purpose, the Parties are willing to cooperate to identify the projects which would have the potential to benefit the cooperation in Central America Region and to formulate plans covering a variety of fields.

## Article IV Execution

Each cooperation project will be executed under the respective legal framework of each party.

## Article V Dispute Resolution

Any disputes arising from the application and interpretation of this MOU will be resolved by the parties by way of mutual consultation and negotiation.

## Article VI Amendment

This MOU is a bilateral agreement and it may be amended or modified mutually, in writing, between the Parties.

Article VII Validity and Effect

This MOU will enter into force on the date of its signing (if signed on the same date and place) or on the date of the last signature (if signed on different dates and places) and will take effect upon execution by the Parties and will remain in effect until the time when either party gives a prior written notice of termination.

Article VIII Termination


This MOU may be terminated by mutual consensus or by a six-month prior written notice by one party to the other.

This MOU sets forth the perspective and intent of the Parties regarding their sincere but non-exclusive cooperation, and it is not intended that any legal obligation will incur under this MOU.

Article IX Unilateral Declaration of the General Secretariat.

The General Secretariat declares that, for purposes of compliance with its regulations, publicity and transparency, this MOU will be deposited and registered in its Information Center and published in the Official Digital Gazette of SICA.

This MOU is signed in Spanish, English and Chinese, each of which will be of equal effect. Done this day, in Guatemala, on the seventh day of March, two thousand and nineteen.



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