



DECLARATION OF PARMA

Letter of Intent

Loris Borghi, Rector of the University of Parma, Rossana Valeria De Sousa e Silva, Executive Director of the Coimbra Group of Brazilian Universities (CGBU), Ricardo Neiva Tavares, the Ambassador of Brazil to Italy and Gaetano Manfredi, President of the Italian Universities Rectors' Association (CRUI), on the occasion of the IX General Assembly and VIII International Seminar and the I Rectors Meeting Brazil-Italy all hosted in the city of Parma, Italy, between 24th to 28th October 2016,

Considering the Brussels Declaration between EU and CELAC states, "Shaping our common future: working together for prosperous, cohesive and sustainable societies for our citizens", published on the official journal re. 9839/15,

Aspiring the promoting of cooperation, the sharing of information, the improvement of research and education programs, as well as the exchange of teachers, researchers and students,

With the main objective of announcing the intent to promote and strengthen the academic, scientific and cultural cooperation through scientific research, education, organization and university management,

Declares

The welcomed holding of the events which took place in the context aforementioned and the gratitude to all the chancellors, rectors, presidents, vice chancellors, vice rectors, and vice presidents; pro rectors of graduate and undergraduate studies; international affairs advisers from associated and partner universities; diplomats; government representatives of Brazil and countries partner of GCUB; delegates from universities associations, universities networks and council of rectors; executives from international organizations; and guests from the host university and from other institutions related to higher education, research and innovation, which all contributed to our discussions and to the strengthening of partnerships. We particularly acknowledge the contribution of

the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly and the parliamentary political dialogue to our partnership.

Therefore, **we also declare** the intent to develop the following actions:

- a) Improve cooperation in research and innovation and explore the possibility of working jointly with institutions from the public and private sector in matters related to innovation and knowledge, applied research and technological innovation;
- b) Establish of new or strengthen existing thematic networks and partnerships on agreed issues of mutual interest, which should develop joint actions and facilitate exchanges between higher education institutions, research centers and networks, as well as between private and public sector institutions from the Brazil and Italy;
- c) Use existing networks and partnerships and exchange information, experiences and best practices in areas of innovation, such as incubation, entrepreneurship, science parks and start-up enterprises;
- d) Give a new impetus to Brazilian Italian cooperation in higher education and support inclusive development of higher education sector, including equitable access and quality, by facilitating the sharing of knowledge and technology transfers through institutional strengthening, capacity building actions and mobility of students, researchers, experts, academic and administrative staff;
- e) Enhance cooperation of higher education based institutions on future Brazilian, Italian and Multilateral higher education cooperation programs in order to strengthen the higher-education pillar of the bi-regional strategic partnership above mentioned and promote mobility of students, teachers, and staff and exchanges between higher education institutions from Brazil and Italy.

Final Dispositions

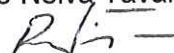
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The declarants agree that they are not legally obligated by the present declaration, but it can be used as a foundation to new cooperation agreements or cooperation projects if it follows the general guidelines mentioned.

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