

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL OMBUDSPERSON
(PFDC/MPF) - BRAZIL AND THE AUSCHWITZ
INSTITUTE FOR THE PREVENTION OF GENOCIDE AND
MASS ATROCITIES (AIPG)**

Whereas the common interest and objectives of the parties converge for the adoption of the approach of promoting and protecting human rights, preventing genocide and mass atrocities in public policies, and training public officials, the Parties agree to cooperate to achieve the objectives of that instrument.

PURPOSE OF THE MEMORANDUM

The objective of this Memorandum of Understanding is to ensure effective cooperation between the Office of the National Ombudsperson (PFDC/MPF) - Brazil and the Auschwitz Institute for the Prevention of Genocide and Mass Atrocities (AIPG) in the areas of training and research in the prevention of genocide and mass atrocities, within the framework of the responsibility for the promotion and protection of human rights that inspires the work of both institutions.

AREAS OF COOPERATION

In view of the AIPG's recognized experience in organizing and implementing training seminars and developing research and public policy tools with a prevention approach, the present Memorandum of Understanding previews the effective articulation for the development of joint initiatives on priority topics of the Latin American Network for the Prevention of Genocide and of the Latin America Program (LAP) and on matters that the Parties consider relevant by common agreement.

For its part, the PFDC/MPF undertakes to cooperate in the development of initiatives that promote the capacity to prevent genocide and mass atrocities, through the identification and convening of personnel and officials with responsibilities in the planning and implementation of public policies on human rights.

The Parties also undertake to develop research activities aimed at identifying possible new scenarios for the development of initiatives to prevent human rights violations.

The Parties also agree to cooperate in other areas of mutual interest, necessary to achieve the objectives of this Memorandum, and may conclude supplementary agreements thereon.

COOPERATION MODALITY

In order to ensure the implementation of this Memorandum, the Parties agree to cooperate with each other to:



- a) organize training programs on the prevention of genocide and mass atrocities and/or incorporate them into pre-existing programs;
- b) promote research work to identify possible scenarios for the development of new national and regional initiatives on the prevention of genocide and mass atrocities;
- c) provide mutual technical assistance in areas that can be identified and agreed;
- d) facilitate the exchange of information on the objectives, programs, development strategies, and activities of the Parties, in order to facilitate coordination in the implementation of joint activities.

Activities shall be carried out to the extent and proportion of the resources of each Party.

CLAUSES

I. DURATION

The duration of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be four (4) years from the date of its signature and may be extended by mutual agreement by the Parties for shorter, similar, or longer periods, as required and on the basis of the results of the evaluation carried out. The Parties may also terminate this Memorandum at any time and, consequently, terminate its effects by written notice to the counterparty. In the latter case, it will be necessary for the Parties to jointly establish a transition process towards closure that is primarily responsible for protecting the human rights of vulnerable populations and beneficiaries, the principles of administrative efficiency and transparency, and performance without prejudice.

II. RESOURCES

This Memorandum of Understanding does not in itself create any financial expenditure obligation for PFDC/MPF or AIPG. To the extent that the implementation of any provision of this Memorandum depends on the appropriation of funds, such execution shall be subject to the availability of such funds, in accordance with the laws and procedures applicable in each entity, as appropriate.

III. MONITORING AND REVIEW

The monitoring of this Agreement shall be supervised by a technical committee composed of one person representing each of the Parties making up this Memorandum.

IV. SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

The Parties declare that they have concluded this Memorandum in accordance with the rules of good faith and common intent, under which they agree that, in the event of a dispute or claim between them relating to the existence, interpretation, implementation, or possible non-compliance with the Memorandum, will devote all their efforts to reaching a mutual agreement between the parties, taking into account the principles that inspired the Memorandum.

V. CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION

In order to facilitate the implementation of this Memorandum, the Parties shall register the communication channels for notification purposes:



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Either party may, by written notification, appoint additional representatives or replace other representatives for communication purposes.

VI. ENTRY INTO FORCE

This Memorandum shall enter into force on the date of its signature.

Held on 16 days of May 2023, in three versions – Portuguese, Spanish and English –, being equally authentic.



Carlos Alberto Vilhena

BY THE OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL OMBUDSPERSON
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