International Foresight Centers Network Letter of Intent

This Letter of Intent (LoI) is signed on November 20, 2015 between the Federal State Autonomous Educational Institution of Higher Professional Education "National Research University "Higher School of Economics" (HSE, Moscow, Russia) and the Center for Strategic Studies and Management (CGEE, Brasilia, Brazil) (the "Signatory Institutions").

The Signatory Institutions of this LoI agree to undertake joint activities according to the terms stated below.

Purposes

To develop a collaborative platform designed to facilitate the sharing and development of state-of-the-art methodologies and relevant information applicable to foresight and future-oriented studies, in areas of mutual interest.

To conduct joint efforts towards the creation and implementation of the International Foresight Centers Network ("Network") to be composed by HSE, CGEE as well as other interested foresight centers.

Procedures and Expenses

The Signatory Institutions agree that HSE will act as a provisional Coordinating Unit aiming at providing the preliminary Secretariat services associated to the Purposes above.

The Signatory Institutions consider this LoI not to be a financially or legally binding document as far as the joint activities associated to the Purposes above are concerned.

Specific collaborative activities will be undertaken making use of already available funds or by means of funds mobilized by the Signatory Institutions.

Term and Termination

This LoI enters into effect on the date stated above and will remain in effect up to the formalization of the envisaged "Network". Each Signatory Institution can terminate its commitments to this LoI at any time by means of a written communication to the other Signatory Institution.

Confidentiality

The Signatory Institutions of the LoI shall keep confidential the preliminary negotiating steps towards the creation of the envisaged "Network" and the related documents, up the effective formalization of the concerned "Network".

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