

# **FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT FOR ACADEMIC COLLABORATION**

Between

**Nikola Vaptsarov Naval Academy  
Varna, Bulgaria**

and

**Naval Institute of National University Odessa Maritime Academy  
Odessa, Ukraine**

NIKOLA VAPTSAROV NAVAL ACADEMY, represented by Flotilla Admiral Prof. DSc. PhD Boyan Mednikarov, who is fully authorized to execute this agreement in his position as Commandant - Rector of the Academy,

and

Naval Institute of National University Odessa Maritime Academy, represented by Captain (UKR Navy) Maksym Kiriakidi who is fully authorized to execute this Framework Agreement in his position as Commandant of the Naval Institute.

hereinafter referred to collectively as the “Parties” or individually as the “Party”,

## **Whereas**

The Parties have decided to enter into this Framework of Academic Collaboration (the “Framework Agreement”) in order to promote, facilitate and consolidate international cooperation in education and research, based on the principles of reciprocity and mutual benefit.

**Decide as follows:**

**Article 1.  
Areas of Cooperation**

The areas of cooperation shall include, subject to mutual consent, any project, activity or program at either institution as considered feasible and desirable on either side in order to foster and develop the cooperative academic relationship between the two Parties.

**Article 2.  
Modes of Cooperation**

*2.1 General terms*

The implementation of research and study programs determined in conformity with Article 1 may be carried out through the joint realization of research projects and teaching programs at the location of both Parties, according to the modalities specified in Article 4 of this Framework Agreement.

*2.2 Scope of cooperation*

More specifically, these are the modes of cooperation that may be used in separate cooperation protocols to this Framework Agreement to which the Parties agree to, including the following:

- a. Exchange of scholars
- b. Joint research projects
- c. Joint teaching and/or supervision of students
- d. Joint participation in workshops and/or conference days
- e. Student mobility and prospective exchange of students (as may be mutually agreed upon)
- f. Participation of students in study abroad programs hosted by each institution.

*2.3 Signatories of the cooperation protocols*

The separate cooperation protocols to this Framework Agreement shall be signed by duly authorized representatives of the Parties.

**Article 3.  
Liaison**

Where needed, the Parties will appoint a faculty member as coordinator of the activities entailed in this general Framework Agreement who will also be responsible

for facilitating and maintaining communication with the other Party for that purpose.

#### **Article 4. Specific Cooperation Protocols**

The implementation of specific projects under this Framework Agreement will be realized on the basis of separate cooperation protocols, agreed and signed by the two Parties.

The terms of collaboration and the necessary funding for each project, program and activity shall be mutually negotiated, discussed and agreed upon in writing by both Parties in separate specific cooperation protocols prior to the initiation of any particular project, program or activity. Each institution will designate where needed, a lead coordinator for the activities or programs of potential cooperation that may form the basis for specific cooperation protocols to be executed between the Parties. The specific cooperation protocols shall contain implementation modalities specifying academic, organizational, technical and financial aspects.

#### **Article 5. Principles**

Both Parties will be treated equally, in a non-discriminatory manner in carrying out the provisions of this Framework Agreement.

#### **Article 6. Terms of Cooperation**

##### *6.1 Duration*

This Framework Agreement shall come into force on the date of the last signature of the Parties. It shall be in force for five (5) years and may be renewed or extended for the same period by mutual written consent of the Parties.

##### *6.2 Termination for convenience*

Either Party reserves the right to terminate this Framework Agreement at any time with ninety (90) days prior written notice to the other Party. Any program or activity that has already commenced pursuant to specific cooperation protocols shall be fully completed to the best of both Parties' abilities.

##### *6.3 Amendments*

Any amendment and/or modification of this Framework Agreement will require written approval of both Parties. The amendments and/or modifications shall come into force following the procedure in article 6.1.

6.4 Settlement of disputes

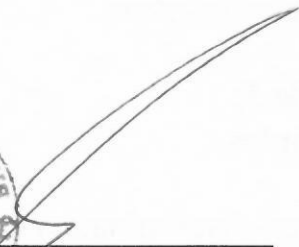
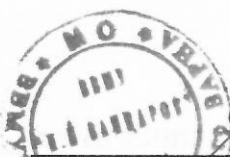
Any dispute related to the implementation of this Framework Agreement will be settled by consultations between the Parties and the dispute will not be referred for settlement by arbitration or other jurisdiction.

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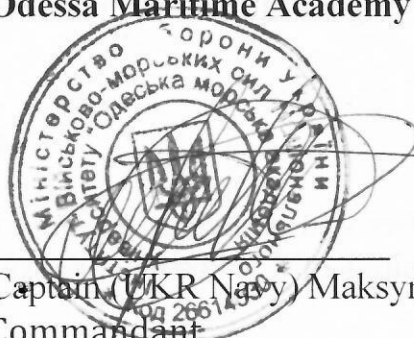
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**Nikola Vaptsarov Naval  
Academy**

  
  
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Commandant - Rector

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