

FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION AND FRIENDSHIP

between the

GOVERNMENT OF THE AUTONOMOUS CITY OF BUENOS AIRES

and the

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF HELSINKI

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE AUTONOMOUS CITY OF BUENOS AIRES, DOMICILED AT 3160 USPALLATA ST., REPRESENTED IN THIS ACT BY THE CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT, MR. HORACIO RODRIGUEZ LARRETA, AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF HELSINKI , DOMICILED AT POHJOISESPLANADI 11-13., REPRESENTED IN THIS ACT BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY, M R. JAN VAPAAVUORI, BOTH REFERRED TO HENCEFORTH AS "THE PARTIES" AND INDIVIDUALLY AS "THE PARTY", AGREE TO ENTER INTO THE FOLLOWING FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION AND FRIENDSHIP, WHICH SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES:

CONSIDERING:

- That it is important to strengthen the integration of both cities, by creating networks and sharing experiences and good practices that allow mutual development;
- That international cooperation is a means for achieving common goals and interests, in order to contribute to the creation of mechanisms that promote development and reinforce bilateral cooperation;
- That both cities are currently closely cooperating on the Urban 20 initiative;

THE PARTIES agree to the following:

**ARTICLE I
OBJECTIVE**

Through this FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION AND FRIENDSHIP, THE PARTIES commit themselves to foster the sharing of technical assistance and best practices in areas of mutual interest.

ARTICLE II AREAS OF COLLABORATION

For the implementation of this FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION AND FRIENDSHIP, THE PARTIES agree to include the following areas of cooperation as non - exclusive central themes:

- I. Environment and sustainable mobility;
- II. Education;
 - a. School of the Future
- III. Jobs of the future;
 - a. Models of fast inclusion of immigrants to labour market
 - b. Models of talent attraction as a tool for maintaining competitiveness
 - c. Life-long learning and skills for young people for tackling anticipated changes in labour market
- IV. Innovation, Start-ups and entrepreneurship;
 - a. Open innovation ecosystems developing cities as platforms for university - business-city- citizen innovations

ARTICLE III FORMS

The activities referred to by this FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION AND FRIENDSHIP may take the following forms:

- Establishing joint plans, programs and projects in areas of common interest,
- Undertaking technical visit events,
- Exchange of experiences and public projects,
- Analysing the results of the implementation of best practices.
- Other forms of cooperation agreed by THE PARTIES

ARTICLE IV FUTURE ANNEXES



In the future, specific agreements may be signed in the form of ANNEXES. These must, as a minimum, indicate the activities and the responsibility borne by THE PARTIES, as well as the period of validity thereof.

For this purpose, THE PARTIES designate the representatives within their respective Executive Powers, in charge of the issue at stake as the persons responsible for entering into such agreements. This FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION AND FRIENDSHIP shall constitute an integral part of each of the specific Agreements mentioned in the preceding paragraph.

ARTICLE V FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND OBLIGATIONS

This FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION AND FRIENDSHIP shall not constitute any legally or financially binding obligations and is not subject to any International Jurisdiction. It simply represents the intention of THE PARTIES to collaborate with each other in the achievement of the commitments establish in the Article I.

ARTICLE VI RESOLVING DISPUTES

THE PARTIES commit to cordially resolve any issues that may arise from the interpretation and execution of the present document through direct negotiations in good faith.

ARTICLE VII GENERAL PROVISIONS

This FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION AND FRIENDSHIP shall take effect as of the date it is signed, shall remain in effect for 2 (two) years, and is renewable for a period of the same length, after evaluation of the PARTIES, through a written and reliable extension agreement.

Either of THE PARTIES may unilaterally terminate this FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION AND FRIENDSHIP, without cause or reason by giving at least 45 (forty five) days written notice addressed to the other PARTY.

The termination of this FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION AND FRIENDSHIP shall not affect the development and conclusion of any cooperative activities formalized during the period in which it was valid.



This FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION AND FRIENDSHIP may be modified or added by mutual written consent of THE PARTIES, and the modifications will take effect from the date of their subscription.

Being in agreement, THE PARTIES hereby signed in 4 (four) equally authentic copies of this FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION AND FRIENDSHIP: 2 (two) in Spanish and 2 (two) in English, in the City of Buenos Aires, on the 29th of October, 2018.

Horacio Rodríguez Larreta
Chief of the Government
Autonomous City of Buenos Aires

Jan Vapaavuori
Mayor
City of Helsinki