



## **JOINT STATEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

**THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY INNOVATIONS AND  
COMMUNICATIONS OF BRAZIL**

**AND**

**THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND RESEARCH OF THE KINGDOM OF  
NORWAY**

The **MINISTER OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, INNOVATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS OF THE FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL - MCTIC, GILBERTO KASSAB**, and the **MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND RESEARCH OF THE KINGDOM OF NORWAY - MER, TORBJØRN RØE ISAKSEN**, on the occasion of his visit to the Brazilian Ministry of Science, Technology, Innovations and Communications(MCTIC):

Being aware of the long-standing fruitful relation between Brazilian and Norwegian scientific communities and the potential for further developing this relationship;

Recognizing the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between MCT and MER, celebrated on March 31<sup>st</sup> 2008 and renewed in 2012;

Taking into account the establishment of a Brazil & Norway 21 Strategy (BN 21) in the field of oil and gas, embedded in this MoU through the Annex signed on November 25<sup>th</sup> 2013;

Recalling the high priority placed on cooperation with Brazil in PANORAMA (2016-2020), the Norwegian Government's Strategy for higher education and research cooperation with selected countries outside of the EU;

Recognizing the achievements of the Science without Borders program in strengthening the collaboration between Brazil and Norway in the fields of Education and Research;

Bearing in mind the existing agreements between the National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq), the Brazilian Funding Authority for Studies and Projects (FINEP) and their Norwegian counterparts, the Research Council of Norway (RCN) and Innovation Norway (IN);

Recognizing the considerable progress achieved on bilateral collaboration on Science, Technology and Innovation in recent years and the great potential for further development:



- Welcome the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation of the Federative Republic of Brazil and the Ministry of Education and Research of the Kingdom of Norway until March 31<sup>th</sup> 2020;

- Reaffirm their mutual intention to expand and further develop cooperation in priority areas of shared interest;

- Commit themselves to undertake their best efforts to promote academic mobility and to implement joint calls for project proposals under the agreements between CNPq, FINEP and RCN;

- Express their commitment to establish a Joint Working Group, which shall meet at mutually agreed times and propose concrete mechanisms to expand and deepen the bilateral cooperation.

Done in equally authentic versions in Portuguese and English.

Signed in Brasília on September 20<sup>th</sup> 2016.

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