Declaration on Educational Exchange Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Kingdom of Norway

The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Kingdom of Norway;

Desiring to continue to promote mutual understanding between the peoples of the United States of America and Norway by the exchange of knowledge and professional talents through educational contacts;

Seeking to encourage, develop and facilitate cooperative activities in fields of common interest where they are pursuing research and development activities in science and technology;

Aiming to stimulate the collaboration in higher education and research by enhancing and facilitating mobility of students and faculty;

Endeavoring to increase the number of student and faculty exchanges and remove obstacles for strengthening the cooperation between higher education institutions;

Considering that in February 2007, U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice wrote to Norwegian Foreign Minister Jonas Gahr Støre stating that "There is no better way to cement the people-to-people ties between our countries than through a robust educational exchange program which provides our young people with first-hand experience of each other's culture and strengthens understanding of our shared values";

Do hereby acknowledge the importance and significance of the educational and cultural exchange programs and opportunities afforded through the United States Educational Foundation in Norway, established by the "Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Royal Norwegian Government for the Use of Funds Made Available in Accordance with the Letter Credit Agreement Dated June 18, 1946, Accepted by the Royal Norwegian Government July 29, 1946," signed at Oslo on May 25, 1949, as amended, and through the "Agreement on Science and Technology Cooperation Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Kingdom of Norway," signed at Washington on December 9, 2005, and reaffirm the commitment of both Governments to enhance and strengthen educational exchange between our two countries.

Signed at Washington, in duplicate, October 22, 2007.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF NORWAY:

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