

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC
EDUCATION OF THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES AND THE MINISTRY OF
EDUCATION OF THE REPUBLIC FINLAND IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION
AND TRAINING**

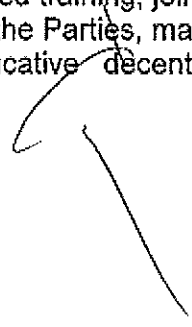

The Ministry of Public Education of the United Mexican States and the Ministry of Education of the Republic Finland, hereinafter referred to as "the Parties"

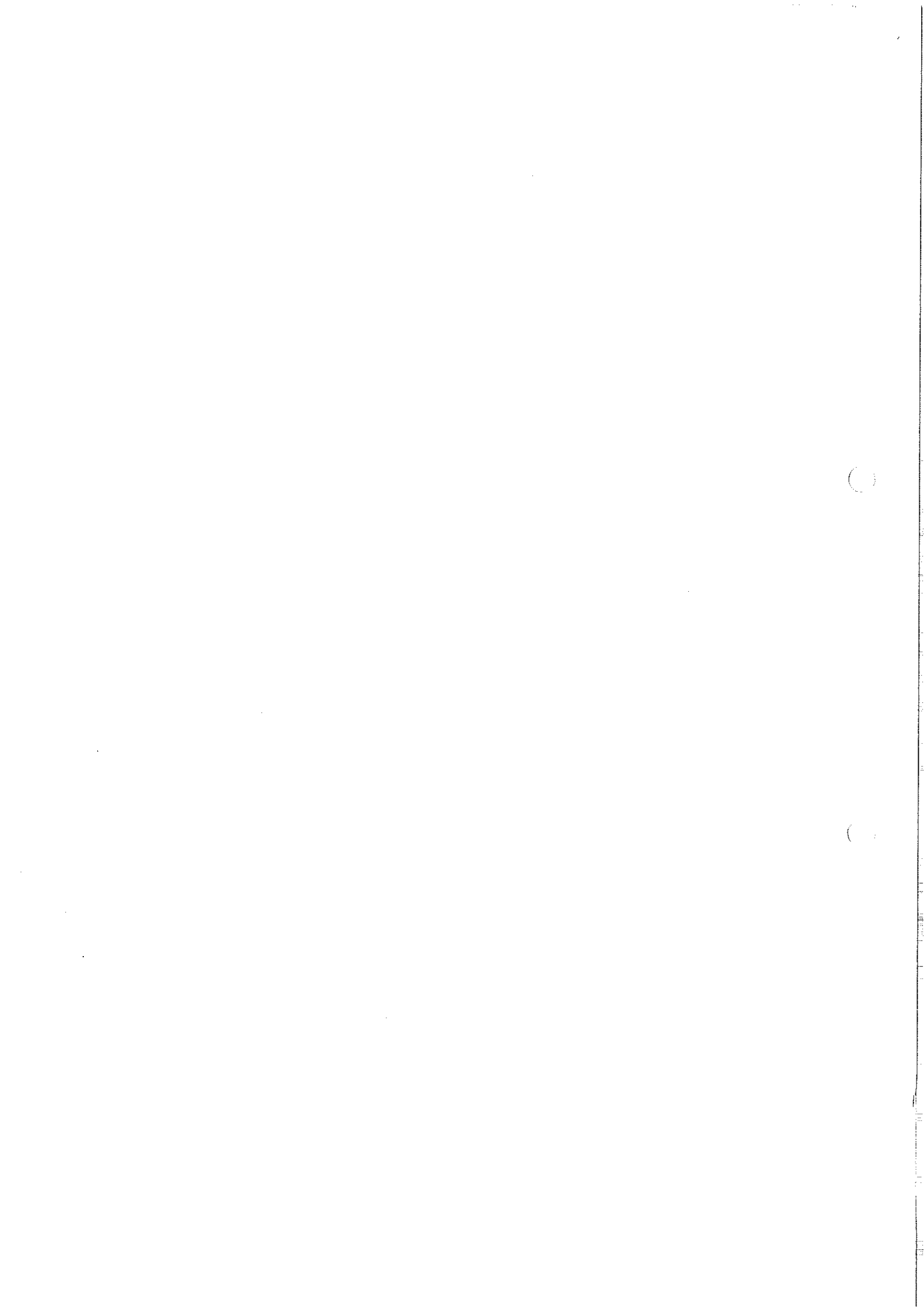
GUIDED by the desire to enhance the friendly relations between both countries in the field of education and training;

APPRECIATING the importance of education as a factor of economic development, as well as a means for strengthening the ties between their peoples;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the Agreement on Cultural Exchange between the United Mexican States and the Republic of Finland, signed in Mexico City, on July 28, 1982.

Record the following understanding:


1. The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to establish the framework based on which the Parties, jointly, will implement programmes of cooperation in education and training under the principles of reciprocity and mutual benefit.
 2. In order to achieve the objective referred to in Article 1, the Parties will encourage and facilitate between one and the other and among other educational institutions from their respective countries, the development of contacts and cooperation activities, as well as the conclusion of specific cooperation agreements that will include, among others, the followings arrangements:
 - a) Facilitate the exchange of academic staff and students between recognized schools and institutions of vocational and higher education;
 - b) Encourage mutual assistance and exchange of information in areas of interest in school and in institutions of vocational and higher education;
 - c) Continue with the existing exchange of information on education at all levels;
 - d) Facilitate the organization of relevant exhibitions and seminars;
 - e) Support the development of assisted training, joint research and strategic alliance in any field of interest for the Parties, mainly in the fields of basic education teacher training, educative decentralization and schools management.
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- f) Other forms of cooperation mutually agreed between interested institutions.
3. The cost involved in the cooperative activities arising from this Memorandum of Understanding will be funded as mutually determined, subject to the availability of funds and pursuant to what is provided by each Party's national legislation.
 4. Bilateral cooperation agreements should be implemented taking into account the applicable laws and regulations of both countries, including those related to the protection of intellectual property.
 5. Arrangements for the placement of employees of a Party to undertake the cooperation activities outlined in this Memorandum of Understanding will be mutually determined by the Parties on a case by case basis. These arrangements will include terms, conditions and safeguards as considered necessary by both Parties. Employees placed in the other Party will remain in an employment relationship with the sending Party.
 6. Any dispute arising from the interpretation or implementation of the clauses in this Memorandum of Understanding or the specific agreements resulting from the same, will be resolved by the Parties through consultations.
 7. This Memorandum of Understanding will enter into effect on the date of signature and will remain in effect until one of the Participants gives at least 60 days notice in writing to the other Participant that it wishes to end the Memorandum.

Signed in Mexico City on the 27th day of November in the year two thousand eight, in two original copies in English and Spanish. In case of divergence in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

**FOR THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC
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