



# Memorandum of Understanding

Between

Punjabi University, Patiala, India (PUP)

And

## University of Religions and Denominations Qom, IRAN.

This MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) is designed to foster a friendly relationship through cooperation in academic areas of mutual interest between Punjabi University, Patiala, India (PUP) and University of Religions and Denominations, Qom, Iran hereinafter referred to individually as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties". No financial obligations are assumed under this agreement.

The Parties have reached agreement on the following areas of cooperation, subject to mutual consent and the availability of sufficient funding:

- a) Exchange of students and faculty members;
- b) Cooperation on the development of, and articulation of, academic programming;
- c) Development of other mutually beneficial programs;
- d) Organizing joint conferences, workshops, seminars;
- e) Exchange of scholarly information particularly with regard to Punjabi and Sikh studies;
- f) Undertaking Joint Research Projects.

Details of the implementation of specific activities that would follow from the above shall be negotiated between the two institutions and outlined in separate protocol agreements and shall be subject to approval by both the Parties

The visiting faculty would be given the leave for the academic activities only for the program duration.

## 1 Relationship of the Parties

The Parties agree that this MOU is not intended to, nor shall, create a partnership, joint venture or agency relationship between the Parties.

#### Y Term and Termination

The MOU shall commence on the date of the latest signature and be in effect for five (°) years, at which time it shall be reviewed for a possible extension.

Either Party may terminate this MOU at any time and for any reason with immediate effect by giving ninety (<sup>4</sup> ·) days written notice to the other Party.

The termination of the MOU will not affect any rights or obligations under any formal agreement entered between the parties pursuant to this MOU or otherwise. Any such agreements remain in effect according to their respective terms.

### Coordinating Officers

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In order to carry out and fulfil the aims of this Memorandum, Punjabi University, Patiala (PUP) and University of Religions and Denominations, Qom, Iran, each appoint the following individuals to communicate in regards to the MOU:

a) For PUP: Prof. Ranjit Kaur

Position: Dean International Affairs, dispup<sup>1</sup>.1<sup>3</sup>@gmail.com

For University of Religions and Denominations, Qom, Iran

Position: Director of International Office, Dr. Hamed Shah Rafati

#### Hamed.rafaty@gmail.com

These individuals, or their designate, will be the points of contact for the MOU.Both parties will, to the best of their abilities, notify the other party if the above designate changes.

#### ٤ Expenses

Unless the relationship of the Parties results in a formal agreement that specifically provides otherwise, each Party will act as specified herein at its own risk and expense in undertaking any of the activities described herein. There would be no financial burden (directly or indirectly) on Punjabi University, Patiala.

#### Non-Binding

The matters recorded in this MOU represent the expression of sincere intention by the Parties. Until such intention is embodied in a binding written agreement, such expression of intention will not be legally binding upon the Parties.

Use of Trademarks

The names, crests and logos of each Party are the intellectual property of that Party, and may not be used without that Party's express written permission for each specific usage.

Executed as a Memorandum

Professor Dr. Syed Abul Hasan Nawwab President University of Religions and Denominations, Qom,Iran Date:

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Prof. Arvind Vice Chancellor Punjabi University, Patiala, India

Date: