MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY

and

THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE GREAT LAKES REGION

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is made by and between The International Conference on the Great Lakes Region, located at P.O. Box 7076 Bujumbura-Burundi ("ICGLR"), and George Mason University, located at 4400 University Drive, Fairfax, Virginia 22030-4444 ("George Mason") (together, the "Parties").

ARTICLE I – Cooperation and Consultation

The International Conference on the Great Lakes Region and George Mason University, with a view to promote the attainment of the objectives laid down by the Pact on Security, Stability and Development in the Great Lakes Region establishing ICGLR as an Intergovernmental organization, and to promote research and practice in the field of conflict analysis and resolution at the School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution (S-CAR) in George Mason, enter into this Memorandum of Understanding to act in close cooperation and consultation in matters of such mutual interests with the view to harmonize their efforts towards greater effectiveness, as far as possible, having due regard to their respective objectives and functions.

ARTICLE II – Representation

ICGLR and George Mason shall be permitted to participate, without right to vote, in the deliberations, programs and projects of particular interest to either Party. ICGLR and George Mason shall also make necessary arrangements for ensuring reciprocal representation at the appropriate meetings convened under their respective auspices.
ARTICLE III – Exchange of information and documents

ICGLR and George Mason shall undertake to exchange relevant information and documents, subject to restrictions and arrangements as may be considered necessary by either Party to preserve the confidential nature of certain information and documents.

ARTICLE IV – Fields of Cooperation

The field to which cooperation shall relate, in the context of Article I above, shall include, but not limited to:

- Development of joint initiatives in accordance with the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, War Crimes and Crimes against Humanity and all forms of Discrimination.
- Implementation of joint projects in accordance with the relevant protocols, for both early and proper warning of genocide and mass atrocities against humanity as well as strengthening resilience and peaceful coexistence.
- Collaborate to develop the appropriate mechanisms, programs and capacity for Members of the Genocide Prevention Committee to prevent genocide in member states.
- Collaborate in research and publication, generate and exchange information, and create awareness among local and international actors about prevention of genocide and mass atrocities against humanity.
- Develop joint fundraising strategies for initiatives to prevent genocide.

Any minor or ordinary expenditure relating to the implementation of this MOU shall be borne by the respective Party. If the cooperation proposed by one of the parties to the other in accordance with the MOU entitles expenditure beyond minor and ordinary expenditures, consultation shall be held between ICGLR and George Mason to determine the availability of resources required, the most equitable way of meeting such expenditures and, if resources are not readily available, the most appropriate way of obtaining necessary resources.

ARTICLE V – Implementation

The Executive Secretary of ICGLR and the Director of S-CAR shall make arrangements necessary for the implementation of this MOU.

ARTICLE VI – Duration and Renewal

This MOU will commence on the date of signature by Executive Secretary of ICGLR and the Director of S-CAR, for duration of 3 years. Upon expiration of this period, the parties may agree
to renew the MOU on terms and conditions they may find appropriate to continue with this collaboration.

ARTICLE VII – Termination

Either Party may terminate this MOU without cause upon providing written notice to the other Party, subject to a six months notice. Such notice of termination of MOU by one party shall not affect the obligations previously entered into in the context of projects and programs implemented under this MOU.

Article VIII – General

a. Force Majeure: Neither Party shall be responsible for any delay or failure in performance resulting from any cause beyond its control, including without limitation war, strikes, civil disturbances, and Acts of God.

b. Assignment: Neither Party shall assign or otherwise transfer its rights or delegate its obligations under this MOU without both Parties’ prior written consent. Any attempted assignment, transfer or delegation without such consent shall be void. All of the terms and provisions of this MOU shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties hereto.

c. Waiver: The failure of a Party to enforce any provision in this MOU shall not be deemed to be a waiver of such right. Should any portion of this MOU be declared invalid or unenforceable for any reason, such portion is deemed severable from the MOU and the remainder of this MOU shall remain fully valid and enforceable.

d. Entire Agreement: This MOU constitutes the entire understanding of the Parties with respect to the subject matter herein, and supersedes all prior oral and written agreements. This MOU can be modified or amended only by writing signed by both Parties. Amendments to this MOU may be submitted by either Party for the consideration of the other at any time.
e. **Limitations on Liability:** Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to constitute either party, for legal purposes, as a partner, agent or representative of the other. Neither party shall have the right or authority to assume or create any obligation on behalf of the other or in the name of the other, to accept legal process for the other, or to bind the other in any way.

f. **Authorized Signatures:** The signatory for each Party certifies that he or she is an authorized agent to sign on behalf such Party.

**SIGNATORIES:**

[Signature]

Dr. Peter N. Stearns
Provost
George Mason University

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Ambassador Liberata Mulamula
Executive Secretary
The International Conference on the
Great Lakes Region

DATE 2/23/2011

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Dr. Andrea Bartoli
Dean
School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution
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