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**Ufficio per la promozione della parità di trattamento
e la rimozione delle discriminazioni fondate
sulla razza o sull'origine etnica**

LETTER OF INTENT

**The United Nations Educational, Scientific and
Cultural Organization (UNESCO)**

and

UNAR – Ufficio Nazionale Antidiscriminazioni Razziali

1. The Parties

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, a specialized agency of the United Nations, with its headquarters at 7 place de Fontenoy 75352 Paris 07 SP ("UNESCO"); represented in this act by its Assistant Director-General for Social and human Sciences, Ms. Gabriela Ramos.

The Ufficio per la promozione della parità di trattamento e la rimozione delle discriminazioni fondate sulla razza o sull'origine etnica - Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri – Dipartimento per le pari opportunità (hereinafter "UNAR") with registered offices at 19 Largo Chigi 00187 Roma, represented in this act by the Director General, Mr. Mattia Peradotto

Each, a "Party" and, jointly, the "Parties".

11. Background

UNESCO, with its mandate to build lasting peace, is leading a global effort in the fight against racism and discrimination. Its Member States adopted the Global Call against Racism which urges the international community to step up its efforts to combat these societal ills. In this regard, UNESCO has developed the Roadmap against Racism and Discrimination, which includes a range of activities and programmes to promote inclusion, diversity and equity, with a focus on enhancing public policies, empowering local communities and civil society, and promoting dialogue and intercultural understanding. As

a flagship initiative of the Roadmap, the annual Global Forum against Racism and Discrimination gathers multiple stakeholders such as governments at all levels, including the International Coalition of Inclusive and Sustainable Cities – ICCAR, scientific and academic communities, civil society, artists and media, and serves as the international space to facilitate discussions and knowledge-sharing on strategies, policies, institutions and good practices. Moreover, UNESCO also plays a crucial role in guiding the ethical development and use of Artificial Intelligence (AI), with the adoption of the Recommendation on the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence in November 2021 serving as a global normative foundation for responsible innovation.

UNAR - National Anti-Racial Discrimination Office, is the Italian State's office to guarantee the right to equal treatment of all persons. The Office was established in 2003 (d.lgs. n. 215/2003) following a Community Directive (n. 2000/43/EC), which requires each Member State to activate a body specifically dedicated to combating forms of discrimination. In particular, UNAR is responsible for monitoring causes and phenomena related to all types of discrimination, studying possible solutions, promoting a culture of respect for human rights and equal opportunities and providing concrete assistance to victims.

In line with the values, principles of UNESCO's Roadmap against Racism and Discrimination, and given the importance of the involvement and commitment of Member States as well as other relevant stakeholders, UNESCO and UNAR propose to work together to scale up efforts to combat racism and discrimination, and the consequent need to support the development and implementation of initiatives, projects, monitoring activities on these social ills.

111. Scope of Letter of Intent

The Parties have identified the following areas as initial priorities for a possible partnership:

- a. Support capacity-building for civil society, policymakers, local authorities and cities network – such as ICCAR - in Italy and Europe on policy, regulatory and ethical considerations related to the fight against racism and all forms of discrimination in line with UNESCO's Roadmap against Racism and discrimination and Global Priorities Africa and Gender Equality.
- b. Jointly design, deploy and implement initiatives aimed to raise awareness and promote the importance of equal treatment, inclusion, gender-based resilience and anti-discrimination in the region, involving in particular the International Coalition of Inclusive and Sustainable Cities – ICCAR launched by UNESCO.
- c. Establish a network of national authorities and experts to provide advice on the implementation of the Roadmap against Racism and Discrimination, including the organization of regular debates to enhance knowledge and best practices.
- d. The Parties intend to undertake a strategic dialogue that will also explore other areas of joint interest for which the Parties could bring their respective expertise and networks, with a view to building a lasting shared-value partnership.

IV. General Terms

This Letter of Intent sets out the preliminary understandings reached by the Parties with respect to the priority areas in the framework of which they may carry out projects to be agreed upon in subsequent project or partnership agreements. Each Party will treat the information received from the other Party as confidential and shall not use such information for any purpose other than the collaboration between the Parties or if requested by its External Auditor or Governing Bodies. The Parties agree that, unless approved in writing in advance by both Parties, no Party shall make any public announcements or press releases with respect to the relationship or collaboration between the Parties created by this Letter of Intent. The Parties will not authorise use of its name, abbreviation, or emblem for any commercial purpose, nor in any manner that suggests an endorsement, preference for or promotion of any private-sector partner, its products or services. Any use of a Party's name, abbreviation or emblem requires the advance written permission of the other Party.

Nothing contained in this Letter of Intent shall be construed as granting or conferring to a Party any right or interest in the intellectual property rights of the other Party.

Unless authorized in writing by UNESCO, in conformity with its regulations and rules concerning the use of the name and logo, UNAR shall not use the name, acronym or official logo of UNESCO, or any abbreviation of the name of UNESCO, for advertising or any other purposes.

The Parties, subject to the internal approval of their institutions or governing bodies, may decide to sign a project or partnership agreement to establish the participation modalities of each institution to achieve the scope defined in the present Letter of Intent .

The Parties acknowledge that this Letter of Intent does not entail any financial implication for any of the Parties.

Any funds made available to UNESCO by any funding source in connection with the present Letter of Intent will be formalised and used by UNESCO in accordance with its regulations, rules and procedures.

The Parties shall use their best efforts to settle amicably any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of, or relating to this Letter of Intent. Unless any such dispute, controversy or claim between the Parties arising out of or relating to this Letter of Intent is settled amicably within sixty (60) days after receipt by one Party of the other Party's request for such amicable settlement, such dispute, controversy or claim shall be referred by either Party to arbitration in accordance with the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules then obtaining.

This Letter of Intent shall be effective from the date of signature written below and remain valid until 15 June 2024.

Either Party may withdraw from this Letter of Intent at any time by giving thirty (30) days' prior written notice to the other Party.

Nothing in this Letter of Intent shall be deemed a waiver of the privileges and immunities of UNESCO.

This Letter of Intent is done in Paris, in two original copies in English, and is entered into by and between:

Date: 12/06/2023

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UNAR

Mr Mattia Peradotto
Director General



UNESCO

Ms Gabriela Ramos
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