

**DRAFT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FORUM OF FEDERATIONS AND
THE FUNDACIÓN MANUEL GIMÉNEZ ABAD**

In Zaragoza, 28 february 2007.

BETWEEN

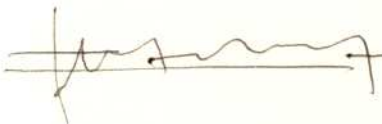
On behalf of the Forum of Federations, Mr. George Anderson, President and Chief Executive Officer.

And His Excellency Mr. Francisco Pina Cuenca, co-President of the Fundación para Estudios Parlamentarios y del Estado Autonomico Manuel Giménez Abad [the Manuel Giménez Abad Foundation for Parliamentary Studies and the Autonomous State].

Both parties mutually recognize each other's capacity and their respective missions.

WHEREAS

FIRST. Whereas the Forum of Federations, an international non governmental organization based in Canada, which receives support from numerous countries and governments worldwide for the purposes of promoting dialogue on federalism which, in some cases, includes the decentralization of power,



maintaining, and constructing democratic societies and governments. To this end, its activities focus on:

- building international networks that promote the exchange of experiences related to federal governance;
- learning and collaboration among practitioners from federal, quasi federal countries or countries which are looking at federalism as a potential form of government;
- disseminating the experience of existing federations for the benefit of countries interested in improving governance within their forms of government and in their constitutions.

SECOND.- That the purpose of the Fundación para Estudios Parlamentarios y del Estado Autonomico Manuel Giménez Abad, incorporated on April 18, 2002, in accordance with its by-laws, is to contribute to the research, knowledge and dissemination of the parliamentary institution and of the model of territorial distribution of the power represented by the autonomous State.

THIRD.- That for the Fundación la Estudios Parlamentarios y del Estado Autonomico Manuel Giménez Abad, the decentralization of the political power represented by the autonomous State is an efficient instrument for the practice of good government and the expansion of the democratic State. That for the purpose of pursuing those objectives it deems necessary the study of different visions and forms of the political decentralization of power.



FOURTH.- That it is the desire of both institutions to sign this Agreement of Cooperation for the purpose of initiating a joint development program that advances the dissemination of, and research on, territorial organization of power and challenges within of democratic societies.

For the reasons set out above, they draw up the present agreement based on the following:

CLAUSES

FIRST.- The purpose of the present agreement is the study and research of the systems of territorial organization of power, with special attention to federal and autonomous systems, and their contribution to the enhancement of governance and democracy.

SECOND.- The cooperation between the institutions is captured in the following activities.

- A) Organizing seminars on topics relevant to their respective mandates.
- B) Co-organizing conferences, symposia or similar events that are the initiative or are organized by one of the institutions.
- C) Collaborating to increase the awareness and involvement of young professionals in separate or joint activities.
- D) Publications and translations of materials on matters that are relevant to the purpose of this agreement. Both institutions will disseminate their respective publications within their network and websites.



THIRD.- The commitments arising from the present agreement, that each of the parties sign, shall be expressly anticipated in the budget of the corresponding party and agreed upon by the said parties.

FOURTH.- The schedule of activities in the framework of the present agreement shall be carried out between the Fundación Manuel Giménez Abad and the Forum of Federations.

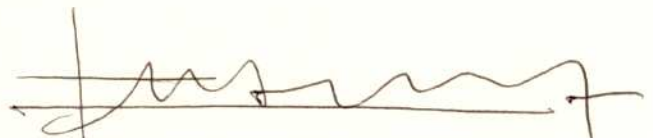
FIFTH.- The activities that derive from this agreement may be made official in an appendix to the same.

SIXTH.- The present agreement shall enter into effect upon its signing and it shall remain in effect for three years, and is automatically extend for an identical period, unless one of the parties, with a minimum notice of one month from the date on which the extension is to become effective, expresses in writing, and communicates as such so that the other party is absolutely certain, its desire to terminate the validity of this agreement.

In witness thereof and undertaking to faithfully fulfill the above, they sign the present document, initialing each page.



GEORGE ANDERSON
President of the Forum
of Federations



FRANCISCO PINA CUENCA
President of the Fundation
Manuel Giménez Abad