## Academic exchange and cooperation agreement between St. Xavier's College, Ranchi and the University Foundation for Development Cooperation (USOS)

As part of the academic exchange and cooperation agreement between St. Xaviers College and USOS, an agreement has been signed between

St. Xavier's College, represented by its Principal Dr. Fr. Nabor Lakra, SJ; and the University Foundation for Development Cooperation (USOS) of the University of Antwerp, represented by its chairwoman, Prof. Dr. Sara Geenen

which provides as follows:

Article 1. Purpose of this Agreement

The purpose of this agreement is to strengthen the partnership between St. Xavier's College and USOS and to facilitate respectful exchanges between students and staff of the two universities in a spirit of solidarity.

## Article 2. Components of the cooperation programme

- 1. Organization of internships and/or training programmes for students of the University of Antwerp in Ranchi, India and for students and staff of Sr. Xavier's college in Antwerp. These internships are open to all faculties and are organized by USOS (in Antwerp) and St. Xavier's college (in India). The parties are committed to a qualitative selection, preparation and supervision of the participants of the internships and training programmes.
- 2. Organization of exchange activities between students and staff of the two universities. These activities can be initiated by USOS or by St. Xavier's College. They respond to opportunities or needs that arise and are carried out in the same spirit of respectful exchange.
- 3. Applying for funding opportunities together to support the above activities.

Article 3. Management of this program

The management of this programme is in the hands of the management committee, consisting of the principal Dr. Fr. Nabor Lakra s.j. and the person responsible for the partnership with USOS, Dr. Swarat Chaudhuri and two representatives of the University of Antwerp, the chairperson of USOS and the person responsible for the partnership with Xavier's college at USOS.

The members of the Committee may be represented by another person who is not necessarily a member of the Committee. To make valid decisions, at least one official from each university must be present. All decisions are made by consensus.

## Article 4: Budget

At the beginning of the working year, USOS determines the available amount based on the possibilities in its budget. The budget allotted for the India partnership is distributed between all USOS-India partner institutions. There are no budgetary obligations on St. Xavier's College.

The Management Committee shall submit to the Board of Directors of the USOS, depending on the budgetary possibilities of the USOS and other cooperation initiatives, for approval a coherent plan of activities which will enable the implementation of the elements referred to in Article 2.

## Article 5: Duration and validity

- 1. This Agreement shall enter into force as soon as it has been signed by both Parties. It can be terminated by either party upon simple request.
- 2. This Agreement may be amended by mutual agreement at the request of either Party.

Executed on 08.07.2024, in Antwerp and Ranchi

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St. Xavier's College

University Foundation for **Development Cooperation** 

Dr. Fr. Nabor Lakra

· Principal

Prof. Dr. Sara Geenen Chairwoman

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