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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
(MOU)**

Between

BAHRIA UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL, ISLAMABAD

And

NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, ISLAMABAD

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred as "MoU") is made between *Bahria University Law School, Islamabad* (hereinafter referred as "BULS") and *National Commission for Human Rights, Pakistan* (hereinafter referred as "NCHR").

Bahria University Law School (BULS) was started as a Law Department of the Bahria University in Fall 2010. Bahria University (BU) is a Federally Chartered Public Sector University. The principal seat of Bahria University is at Islamabad and campuses are at Islamabad, Karachi, and Lahore. Bahria University was established by the Bahria University Ordinance 2000, and since then it has steadily grown into one of the leading higher education institutions in Pakistan. It plays a major role in grooming future leaders who can make a positive difference to the world around them. Bahria University is a comprehensive university having multidisciplinary programs that includes Health Sciences, Engineering Sciences, Computer Sciences, Management Sciences, Social Sciences, Law, Earth and Environmental Sciences, Psychology and Maritime Studies.

AND

National Commission for Human Rights (NCHR) is an autonomous and independent institution established in Pakistan to safeguard and promote human rights in the country. It was created under the National Commission for Human Rights Act, 2012. It is responsible for promoting and protecting human rights in Pakistan, investigating human rights violations, and recommending measures for the implementation of international human rights standards. The NCHR also provides advice and guidance to the government and other relevant stakeholders on human rights issues.

A. PURPOSE:

1. Whereas NCHR and BULS have agreed to collaborate and extend/exchange their resources and expertise for the promotion and development of human rights related to their business operations and the professional development of students of Bahria University. The primary objective of MoU is to facilitate the propagation of human rights education among the diverse student body across various departments of BUIC, particularly in its Law School.
2. The MOU aims to conduct seminars, visiting lectures to:
 - a. Create awareness and stimulate interest in the field of human rights among university students.

- b. Encourage research, discussions and activities related to fundamental rights principles within the academic curricula.
- c. Foster an understanding of International Human Rights Law.
- d. Support initiatives aimed at empowering marginalized groups through knowledge dissemination on their rights, including women, children and minorities.
- e. Establishment of forums and conduct of discussion and activities that contribute to enhancing a culture of human rights awareness.

And

Whereas keeping in view their mutual interests and objectives, the Parties to this Memorandum of Understanding have shown their interest to co-operate and coordinate on the following inter-institutional efforts to arrive at academic and professional collaboration to enhance industry-academia linkages.

Now henceforth the parties to this memorandum agree to collaborate on the following covenants of this inter-institutional memorandum:

B. AREAS OF COOPERATION:

Under this MoU responsibilities of NCHR and BULS both agree to undertake various collaborative activities:

- i. Both entities to empower individuals, foster a culture of respect, equality, and justice amongst students, and prevent human rights violations through education.
- ii. This collaborative initiative is aligned with the crucial role of education and awareness in the protection and promotion of human rights

C. IMPLEMENTATION MECHANISM:

Under this MoU NCHR and BULS are responsible for:

- i. Jointly organize seminars, talks and workshops on human rights issues relevant to the academic curricula.
- ii. Encourage and facilitate essay competitions, debates, and art competitions related to man rights among students

- iii. Develop and distribute educational materials, pamphlets, and resources within the legal and cultural guidelines for enhancing human rights literacy.
- iv. NCHR to provide paid or unpaid internships to the students of BUIC.
- v. Any additional activities mutually agreed upon by both parties within the scope of this MoU.
- vi. Specific activities based on this MoU will be planned through consultation between NCHR and BUIC representatives.
- vii. Each party will designate focal persons to coordinate activities in implementing the activities outlined in this MoU.

D. TERM(S) OF MOU:

This MoU shall enter into force on the date of signatures. It shall remain valid unless terminated by either party to the MOU.

E. TERMINATION:

- i. This MoU will be effective upon the signatures of the Parties and will remain in force until modified or terminated by mutual agreement.
- ii. Either party may terminate this MoU by providing a written notice at least thirty calendar days in advance. Termination shall not affect ongoing activities initiated before the termination date.

F. AMENDMENT OR MODIFICATION:

This MoU may be amended or modified at any time through mutual consent of the Parties. The amendment or modification shall be realized through a written instrument signed by both parties to the MOU.

G. NOTICES:

- i. All communication relating to this MoU shall be directed to the signatories of the MoU or their authorized representatives.
- ii. In the event that a dispute arises between the Parties concerning the implementing mechanism, the same shall be decided amicably through consultations between the Head of the Collaborative Organization NCHR Pakistan and Principal BULS of BUIC, or their duly authorized representatives.

II. NATURE:

This MOU is not intended to create any legally binding relationship between the parties and nothing in this MOU shall be construed to create any such relationship with any third party.

III. FOCAL PERSONS:

For the implementation of this MOU, the Parties agree to designate points of contact for future official correspondence and coordination, as follows:

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IV. SIGNATURES:

In witness whereof, the parties to this MOU through their duly authorized representatives have executed this MOU on the days and dates set out below, and certify that they have read, understood, and agreed to the terms and conditions of this MOU as set forth herein.

On behalf of

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