



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

UNIVERSITÉ SAINT THOMAS D'AQUIN, OUAGADOUGOU, BURKINA FASO

AND

UNESCO CHAIR IN BIOETHICS AND HUMAN RIGHTS, ROME, ITALY

The **UNIVERSITÉ SAINT THOMAS D'AQUIN (USTA)** represented by its **Rector Professor JACQUES SIMPORE** and **UNESCO CHAIR IN BIOETHICS AND HUMAN RIGHTS**, represented by its **Director, el Professor ALBERTO GARCÍA JD**, hereinafter referred to as “the parties”, considering that academic cooperation is fundamental to the development of both Institutions, enter into an agreement of cooperation to establish programs of exchange and collaboration in areas of mutual interest and benefit to both institutions. Based on principles of equity and reciprocity, this agreement will serve as a general framework for cooperation between the two institutions and is intended to facilitate discussions for more specific programs of collaboration. In particular, the two institutions

AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING:

ARTICLE 1. GENERAL AREAS OF COOPERATION.

Collaboration will be developed in the following areas:

1. Exchange of students, faculty and research staff, particularly in the domain of healthcare ethics and bioethics;
2. Establishment of programs that will enable interested and qualified students and university personnel to pursue either short-term or extended programs of study in each other's institution;
3. Assistance of visits by authorized officials from each institution for the purpose of studying the other's educational system to develop mechanisms for, and expand areas of, cooperation;
4. Support the development of joint research programs and projects in fields of mutual interest, especially in the area of bioethics;
5. Identification of other areas of possible interest and collaboration; and,
6. Awareness in both institutions of the teaching and research programs, research institutes and educational resources of each other's institution.



ARTICLE 2. FINANCIAL ISSUES. The scope of activities under this agreement shall be determined by funds regularly available at both institutions for the types of collaboration undertaken and by such other financial assistance as may be obtained by either institution from external sources.

ARTICLE 3. DURATION OF THE AGREEMENT.

Upon approval by each institution, this agreement will remain in force until terminated by either institution. An evaluation of this agreement will take place two years after the date of signature. Either institution may terminate this agreement by giving the other at least six months advance notice of its intention to terminate. Termination shall be without penalty.

ARTICLE 4. SUPERVISION OF THE AGREEMENT. A designated person at each institution shall oversee and facilitate implementation of this agreement in collaboration with other appropriate staff at the respective institutions.

ARTICLE 5. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY. Each Institution is the owner of certain intellectual property in respect of the creations of the students and/or professors.

February 26, 2011

In witness thereof, this Memorandum of Understanding is signed by:

PROFESSOR JACQUES SIMPORE
Rector
Université Saint Thomas d'Aquin (USTA)

PROFESSOR ALBERTO GARCÍA JD
Director
UNESCO Chair in Bioethics and Human Rights

