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FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT

WE,

The representatives of the International Linguapax Delegations and members of the Board of Directors of the Linguapax Institute, gathered in Barcelona on 21st February 2006,

Sharing the common aim of contributing to strengthen peoples' identities, especially in regard to their languages and cultures as a pathway to intercultural understanding and peace,

Acknowledging that languages, apart from a communication vehicle, are one of the major cultural expressions in educational processes, which convey a specific view of the world and core cultural values,

Valuing the importance of plurilingual teaching at all educational levels for the cognitive and social development of all peoples,

Aware of the need to establish appropriate cultural and linguistic policies that allow major social integration in a context of globalisation and the protection of the world's linguistic diversity,

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Following the recommendations of UNESCO's Declaration on Cultural Diversity, one of whose main lines is "Encouraging linguistic diversity – while respecting the mother tongue – at all levels of education, wherever possible, and fostering the learning of several languages from the earliest age", and taking into account UNESCO's Convention on the Safeguarding of Cultural Intangible Heritage and the Convention on the Protection and Promotion of Cultural Expressions,

AGREE

To sign this document of cooperation with a view to establish an international Linguapax network, with branches in the different continents and to promote collaboration in the following fields:

- Revitalisation and documentation of endangered languages
- Research on intercultural and multilingual education
- Teacher training with a special focus on multilingual education
- Elaboration of pedagogical material on non-dominant cultures and languages

To achieve these goals, the network will develop activities such as:

- Coordination and submission of proposals to raise funds.
- Organization of congresses, seminars and workshops on sociolinguistic issues.
- Production of specialized publications and pedagogical materials aimed at language revitalisation.
- International networking with institutions that share the Linguapax philosophy (university chairs, schools and other organisations both governmental and non-governmental).
- Research on language policy and planning, with special interest in good practices of language diversity management.

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In support of these objectives, the Linguapax Institute offers to:

- Create a Linguapax Coordination Board, made up of one representative from each delegation. The Board will meet at least once every two years.
- Coordinate and monitor the network depending on the needs, possibilities and priorities of the different delegations.
- Participate in bilateral activities put forward by the different delegations.
- Identify, promote, and/or organise projects that may be of interest to all delegations.
- Gather and disseminate useful information to all delegations.
- Offer the Linguapax Institute website to publicise the delegations, and if the volume of activities performed justifies it, create a regular news bulletin.
- Send all the material produced by the Linguapax Institute to all delegations.
- Assist delegations in dealing with UNESCO and other institutions (such as the European Union and the Spanish and Catalan Agencies of International Cooperation) to get support for the activities that will be organised.
- Facilitate contact between sociolinguists and institutions related to Linguapax worldwide.

The delegations, in accordance to their own executive structure and to the laws in force in their resident country offer to:

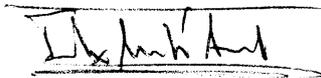
- Contribute to the dissemination of the Linguapax philosophy through activities related to the Linguapax Institute lines of action.
- Insert the logo of Linguapax in the materials produced in relation to such activities.
- Regularly inform the Linguapax Institute of the activities carried out under the name of Linguapax and submit a yearly report.

- Search for sources of financing in their specific regions in order to be able to carry out projects.

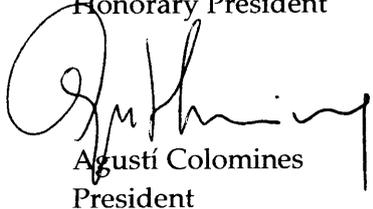
This agreement renewable every two years defines the framework of cooperation between the members of the International Linguapax Network and is automatically extended, save express notification by one of the parties at least three months beforehand.

And, for the record, we hereby sign the present document, in Barcelona, on 21 February 2006.

For Linguapax



Fèlix Martí
Honorary President

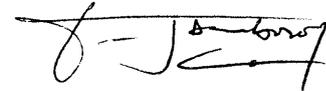


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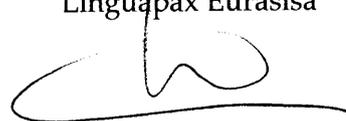


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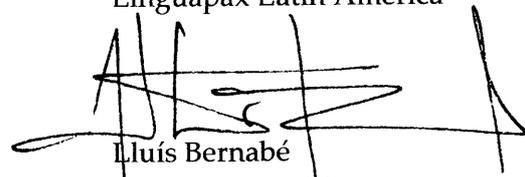
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