Memorandum of Understanding

between

ADA University

and

Energy Charter Secretariat

1. ADA University and the Energy Charter Secretariat (ECS), based on their respective objectives and aware of the increasing importance of education and research, seek to promote relations and to enhance their synergies by participating in common activities, projects and initiatives to promote knowledge related to the International Energy Charter.

2. In particular, the parties aforesaid aim to:

   a) Strengthen cooperation through joint activities
   b) Promote knowledge related to the Energy Charter Treaty, energy policy and investment protection
   c) Support knowledge sharing with respect to Energy Charter-related matters

3. In pursuit of the above, the Parties have decided to conclude this MoU, and define the initial activities of collaboration as follows:

   a) Research and internships
      i. ECS agrees to provide up to one (1) internship position per year (for a period of three months) to students of ADA University. While the final selection decision will be the prerogative if ECS, the candidates, pre-screened by ADA University, shall be favourably considered.
      ii. Provided that there is no cost to ECS and depending on space availability, ECS agrees to host academic and post-graduate students from ADA University for a period of one week to two months to carry out research and studies on Energy Charter work at its Brussels headquarters.

   b) Joint Knowledge Collaboration: ADA University and ECS will consider including one member from the other partner institution in their academic and training activities.

   c) Library and Archives access: both parties agree to provide staff and students of the partner with access to non-restricted information, resources and publications.
4. Each Party shall appoint a representative who will be responsible for implementing this MoU and its related activities. The representatives will develop the means of cooperation and provide suitable suggestions and recommendations.

5. The present MoU does not imply any financial contributions to either party. The development of joint (or individual) projects organised for this cooperation will be subject to the budget limitations of both parties and to both parties’ review and approval.

6. The two Parties agree that, in the event of research collaboration leading to patent rights, copyrights or other intellectual property rights, a further agreement must be negotiated in each case in accordance with the policies of the two parties on intellectual property.

7. This MoU may be amended with the consent of both Parties. The proposed amendment shall be in writing and shall be effective as of the date decided by the parties.

8. This MoU will have a duration of five (5) years from the date of final signature. Thereafter, it may be reviewed and extended upon agreement by the two Parties.

9. Termination of this MoU may be effected upon deliberation by the two Parties. Either Party has the right to terminate the MoU without liability by giving thirty (30) days’ prior notice in writing to the other party.

10. This MoU is written in English. All communication and documents between the Parties will be done in English.

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