

LETTER OF INTENT
BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AND

THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF CHILE

The Department of State of the Government of the United States of America, and the Ministry of Education of the Government of the Republic of Chile, hereinafter referred to as “the Participants,”

RECOGNIZING that coordination and collaboration between the two countries in various fields of activity, including education, have increased to a higher level and that the Participants seek, within the context of intensified cooperation, to explore new bilateral initiatives for the benefit of both countries,

The Participants herewith affirm their intent to work collaboratively and cooperatively, in accordance with their respective laws and regulations, in the following areas:

- In coordination with their respective relevant governmental institutions and taking into account other relevant existing bilateral mechanisms, continue their discussions to develop and/or improve programs, processes, and initiatives in English language training;
- Encourage the strengthening of information-sharing mechanisms between the Participants in the field of English language training;
- Review possible cooperation with the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) to strengthen English language instruction skills of teachers in the Republic of Chile, via academic exchanges by specialists in Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL);
- Explore existing mechanisms within ECA to assist the Government of the Republic of Chile in identifying the most appropriate program to meet

Chile's recognized need to improve Basic English skills in public and private institutions; and

- Engage ECA's expertise to explore the possibility of offering a specific program for the Government of the Republic of Chile that would enhance the capacity of its Ministry of Education to train pre-service and in-service English teachers, and to update the Ministry's existing English teaching curriculum.

Signed in Santiago, Chile, on the 18th of March 2011.



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