

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
HOMELAND SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND
THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY OFFICE OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AND PUBLIC
SECURITY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHILE**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency of the Department of Homeland Security of the United States of America and the National Emergency Office of the Ministry of Interior and Public Security of the Republic of Chile (hereinafter referred to as ‘the Participants’), recognizing the need to strengthen emergency management cooperation between their two countries; and wishing to strengthen the capability of the United States and Chile to respond to disasters in the territory of both the United States and Chile; have reached the following understandings:

Paragraph One: Purpose

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is:

- (1) To assist in strengthening disaster resilience and reducing disaster risk in American and Chilean communities, bearing in mind the need for continuous improvement in emergency management; and
- (2) To enhance response and recovery capability in both the United States and Chile through information sharing and knowledge exchange.

Paragraph Two: Scope

The Participants intend to create a framework for information sharing and knowledge exchange in order to foster cooperation in emergency management. As part of this framework, the Participants intend to:

- (1) Exchange and update relevant contact details, including 24/7 points of contact, in order to ensure continuity of dialogue;
- (2) Create a schedule for exchanges of information (via meetings, teleconferences, etc), to be included as an Annex to this Memorandum;
- (3) Share lessons learned from disasters and exercises in a timely fashion;
- (4) Mutually collaborate to share best practices;
- (5) Exchange information on actions in response to disasters in other countries where either Participant has been involved;
- (6) Invite members from each Participant to participate in relevant conferences, workshops and exercises, as feasible;
- (7) Exchange information on emergency management best practices including education and training, public awareness of disasters, community information and warning systems, community and organizational resilience and risk assessment, and to that end exchange relevant experts where appropriate;
- (8) Consider opportunities to engage in joint research in emergency management-related matters;
- (9) Take advantage of existing multi-lateral forums or new multi-lateral relationships to collaborate on issues of common interest in the Pacific region; and
- (10) Cooperate in sharing information during disasters as mutually determined by the Participants.

Paragraph Three: Principles of Cooperation

The Participants intend to jointly decide specific principles for each activity outlined in Paragraph Two as deemed necessary by the Participants. These activities and principles, once developed, are to be included as Annexes to this MOU.

Paragraph Four: Financial

Each Participant intends to bear its own costs resulting from the actions taken under this MOU, unless otherwise jointly decided by the Participants, subject to available funding and consistent with applicable legal authorities. Nothing in this MOU is intended to obligate funds of the Participants.

Paragraph Five: Commencement, Renewal, Modification and Discontinuance

- (1) This MOU is to come into effect when signed by representatives of both Participants.
- (2) Subject to sub-paragraph (4) of this Paragraph, this MOU is to remain in effect for a period of five (5) years.
 - (a) If, after five (5) years, neither Participant has provided written notice of its intention to suspend activities under the MOU in accordance with sub-paragraph (4) of this Paragraph, the MOU is expected to automatically renew for a period of five (5) years; and
 - (b) After five (5) years, the Participants intend to review the contents of the MOU and are to jointly determine any modifications in accordance with sub-paragraph (3) of this Paragraph.
- (3) The Participants may mutually determine in writing to modify this MOU at any time.
- (4) Activities under this MOU may be discontinued:
 - (a) If either Participant gives written notice to the other Participant of its intention to discontinue activities under this MOU; in this event the Participants will discontinue activities ninety (90) calendar days from the date of receipt of the notice of discontinuance; or
 - (b) At any time with the written mutual consent of the Participants.

SIGNED at Santiago, Chile, in duplicate, on this 18th day of March of 2011



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