

**Memorandum of Understanding – “Proud Sponsors of Academic Freedom”**

*To be signed by rectors at higher education institutions, presidents of student democracies and SAIH local chapter presidents.*

1. I hereby affirm that the institution or organization I represent, support the values and ideals for the higher education sector outlined by UNESCO, including academic freedom, institutional autonomy, social responsibility and international cooperation.<sup>1</sup>
2. I further commit to promote the above-mentioned values in appropriate bilateral and multilateral collaborations with other higher education institutions.
3. I support the Students at Risk programme financed by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and strongly encourage the continuation of the program.
4. I commit to receive and facilitate for students in the Students at Risk-program at my institution if asked, in confidence that the current or similar funding model for the program continue as today.
5. I support the work done by the Scholars at Risk Network to protect threatened scholars and promote academic freedom around the world. I will endeavor to make available financial means to receive scholars at my institution.
6. I appreciate the work done by the Global Coalition to Protect Education<sup>2</sup> from Attack to strengthen international norms and standards to protect higher education from attack and support institutional autonomy.
7. I hereby publicly support the “Principles of State Responsibility to Protect Higher Education from Attack”<sup>3</sup>, and call upon states to implement these principles domestically and promote them in appropriate inter-state relations.
8. By signing this Memorandum of Understanding, the institution or organization I represent can be listed as a “sponsor” with its logo on SAIHs campaign webpage

<sup>1</sup> [http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL\\_ID=13144&URL\\_DO=DO\\_TOPIC&URL\\_SECTION=201.html](http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL_ID=13144&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html) and [http://www.unesco.org/education/educprog/wche/declaration\\_eng.htm](http://www.unesco.org/education/educprog/wche/declaration_eng.htm)

<sup>2</sup> [www.protectingeducation.org](http://www.protectingeducation.org)

<sup>3</sup> [http://protectingeducation.org/sites/default/files/documents/principles\\_of\\_state\\_responsibility\\_to\\_protect\\_higher\\_education\\_from\\_attack.pdf](http://protectingeducation.org/sites/default/files/documents/principles_of_state_responsibility_to_protect_higher_education_from_attack.pdf)



studentsatrisk.no, understanding that the circumstances to which these commitments were made are to appear on this website. I also understand that the campaign, and parts of the communication related to the campaign in traditional and social media will use humor and irony to communicate a serious issue.

**Signatures:**

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