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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

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ST. EDMUND'S COLLEGE

Shillong, India

(Affiliated to North Eastern Hill University, Shillong)

FOR

COLLABORATION UNDER

Institutional Social Responsibility (ISR)

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ERI & SEC

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Edmund Rice International herein referred to as ERI, represented by Constantine (Tino) D'Abreu cfc, having its operating office at Rue de Vermont, Geneva 20, Switzerland (Hereafter called " ERI " which term shall, wherever the context permits, mean and include its successors, representatives, administrators, and assigns) as one part

AND

St. Edmund's College, Shillong, Meghalaya, herein after referred to as SEC, located at Old Jowai Road, Laitumkhrah, Shillong, Meghalaya since its inception on 24th May 1923 by the Christian Brothers of India with its headquarters in New Delhi has been a Centre for excellence in higher education. SEC has been catering to the needs of the academia from various parts of the country and abroad. SEC is one of the premier institutions of the North East of India and Meghalaya in particular. Since its inception, SEC has maintained its excellence by regularly introducing new courses, updating its infrastructure, achieving the highest academic records, and maintaining discipline of the students. The college is affiliated to NEHU and accredited by NAAC with Grade 'A'. The college is also among the 26 colleges in India to receive prestigious STAR STATUS Award from the Department of Biotechnology, Government of India under its HRD programme.

Both SEC & ERI recognize the importance of **Institutional Social Responsibility (ISR)** in promoting and hastening Edmund Rice International's mission: human rights advocacy, environmental sustainability aligned with the SDGs, awareness-building campaigns, social-welfare skill training, and academic collaboration — giving the Edmund Rice charism practical, local expression through structured, ongoing partnership rather than isolated events. This Agreement shall be considered in effect upon the signatures of all representatives.

The terms and conditions of this MOU are as follows

1. Purpose

The purpose of this MOU is to establish a framework of cooperation through which ERI and SEC jointly progress the mission areas that Edmund Rice International pursues at the United Nations and within its global network. The Parties' shared objectives are:

- Human Rights advocacy — raise awareness of, and take joint action on, human rights issues affecting vulnerable and marginalized groups, including through participation in relevant UN mechanisms (e.g. the Human Rights Council, Universal Periodic Review, and treaty body processes) where appropriate.
- Environmental Sustainability and the SDGs — design and deliver projects aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals, with particular attention to climate action (SDG 13), quality education (SDG 4), and partnerships for the goals (SDG 17), reflecting ERI's "care for our common home" ethos.

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- Advocacy and Awareness building — organize joint campaigns, dialogues, and youth engagement activities that give students and staff a voice in advocacy spaces, including opportunities linked to ERI's UN and COP-related youth participation.
- Skill training for Social Welfare — deliver capacity-building and vocational/life-skills training programmes that benefit students, staff, and the wider community, particularly disadvantaged and underserved groups, consistent with Edmund Rice's founding commitment to value-based education.
- Academic Collaboration — align applicable activities with academic requirements, including curriculum-linked learning, research collaboration, internships, and recognized credit or certification for students completing structured programmes under this MOU.

2. Roles and Responsibilities

Edmund Rice International (ERI)

- ERI nominates Constantine (Tino) D'Abreu cfc, Member, ERI Foundation, Geneva, Switzerland as a SPOC (Single Point of Contact) to coordinate activities under this MOU.
- Contribute technical expertise, trainers, mentors, and/or resources agreed for specific activities.
- Support the ERI advocacy and sustainability initiatives relevant to SEC's own expertise.
- Share relevant knowledge products, data, or materials that support the Parties' joint objectives.
- Support academic components of joint activities where within its expertise, such as guest lectures, research input, and supervision.

St. Edmund's College (SEC)

- The College nominates Ms Daibha Mukhim, Faculty, Department of Political Science and Ms Nafisabeth Syiemlieh, Faculty, Department of Sociology, as SPOC (s) to coordinate activities under this MOU.
- Facilitate student and staff participation in agreed joint activities.
- Provide reasonable access to campus facilities and community networks for agreed activities.
- Ensure activities align with the College's academic calendar, policies, and safeguarding mutual respect, particularly where students are involved.

- Handle academic integration of agreed activities — including curriculum alignment, credit recognition, and issuing certificates — subject to the College's academic regulations and the requirements of its affiliating university or accrediting body.

Both Parties shall:

- Act in good faith and in a manner consistent with the values of the Edmund Rice charism underpinning this MOU.
- Jointly plan, budget for (where funding is required), and evaluate activities.
- Acknowledge each other's contribution in any public communication, publication, or event arising from this MOU.

3. Duration

The MOU comes into effect from 17th November 2026 and shall be in place for a period of five years after it shall be suitably reviewed and renewed by the respective heads of the institutions involved.

4. Termination

Either of the parties are free to terminate the MOU by giving one-month notice stating the reasons for termination which shall help both to improve their relationship further.

5. General Provisions

- **Non-binding nature:** This MOU expresses the Parties' mutual intent to cooperate in good faith. It does not create a legally binding obligation, partnership, agency, or joint venture between the Parties, and does not obligate either Party to provide funds, staff, or other resources except where separately agreed in writing.
- **Funding and resources:** Any activity requiring funding, in-kind resources, or the sharing of data will be documented in a separate written agreement or work plan signed by both Parties before that activity begins.
- **Confidentiality:** Each Party will treat as confidential any non-public information it receives from the other in connection with this MOU and will not disclose it to third parties without prior written consent, except as required by law.
- **Use of name and logo:** Neither Party will use the other's name, logo, or the Edmund Rice International name or emblem in publicity without prior written consent.
- **Dispute resolution:** Any disagreement arising under this MOU shall be resolved by mutual consultation.

6. Academic Fulfilment and Credit Recognition

- Where an activity under this MOU (e.g. a training module, capacity building or research project) is intended to count toward a student's academic requirements, the Parties will agree in advance the learning outcomes, duration or contact hours, assessment method, and the credit, grade, or certificate to be awarded.
- Any award of academic credit remains subject to the College's curriculum, examination regulations, and the requirements of its affiliating university or other relevant statutory or accrediting body; this MOU does not itself confer academic credit.
- The College is responsible for maintaining academic records and issuing any certificates or credit recognized under this MOU; SEC will provide the attendance, performance, or completion data the College needs for that purpose.

7. Point of Communication

Both the parties agree to designate the below mentioned person as nodal officer to ensure the smooth functioning of activities under the MOU. The issues or problems which may arise shall be resolved at the level of nodal point of communication, if necessary, beyond, which shall be referred to the individual head of the organization for resolution. The contact details are as follows:

Constantine (Tino) D'Abreu cfc
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Geneva, Switzerland
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Director, IQAC
St. Edmund's College
P.O. Laitumkhrah
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Phone: 9863023938
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the authorized representative(s) of ERI and SEC have executed two (2) copies of this Agreement.

Constantine (Tino) D'Abreu cfc
ERI Foundation
Geneva, Switzerland

Br. Sunil Britto
Principal (i/c)
St. Edmund's College
Meghalaya,

Signature: _____

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Brian Bond cfc
Executive Director
Edmund Rice International
Geneva, Switzerland

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Date: 17.11.2026
Place: Geneva

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