Memorandum of Understanding

March 5, 2019

This memorandum of understanding is in reference to the award for the project entitled “NAME” to be carried out in “COUNTRY/REGION.”

We write to recommend and endorse the acceptance of this project, which each of the undersigned judges to be executable effectively by MSU, believing that the project’s work is consistent with our values and that it will contribute to our international research and outreach missions. The investigator, “FACULTY RANK AND NAME”, has a clear understanding of the possible risks involved in working in “LIST COUNTRY AND PROVIDE REASON”.

Dr. “NAME” is partnering with “Foreign Institution NAME AND DESCRIPTION”, based in “COUNTRY NAME”. “NAME” is also partnering with “NAME OF INSTITUTION” and “NAME OF INSTITUTION”, the research implementing organization that has been present in “COUNTRY NAME” since “DATE”. These organizations have comprehensive risk and security protocols that Dr. “NAME” will have access to while conducting research in country.

It is important to note that this award builds on the significant research portfolio that Dr. “NAME” is doing that “PROVIDE DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY AND COUNTRY NAME”. Given the inherent risks in the work, ongoing assessment of project success is warranted, apart from any evaluation required by the donor. A plan for our own review and evaluation will be developed and approved by the undersigned within 90 days of the signing of the contract, to include meeting with relevant MSU and local contracted personnel as deemed appropriate.

In reaching our respective and mutually consistent judgements of this project, we have considered the nature of the University activity contemplated under the grant, attendant safety and security risks, and the applicability of **export controls and trade sanctions in “Name of Country”.** Regarding those general conditions, we acknowledge the following advice: (<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>)

The U.S. Embassy informs U.S. citizens of a continued threat of attacks against hotels, restaurants, and bars frequented by Westerners, particularly in the cities of “Name OF COUNTRY AND REGION”.  Avoid vulnerable locations with poor security measures, be vigilant, and take appropriate steps to enhance your personal security.

“COUNTRY” Travel Advisory includes:

* + “SPECIFY COUNTRY TRAVEL ADVISORY FROM DEPT. OF STATE”

The Department of State travel warning reinforces our understanding that Michigan State University may be limited in our response to protect Project members who may find themselves in danger. While the University regularly assesses both the risk of and the options for evacuation in case of need, we recognize that under these circumstances, our options may be limited beyond those provided by the U.S. Embassy.

The Office of Research Support, housed in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, will remain in constant contact with Dr. “NAME to ensure that he is aware of the changing landscape of safety and security issues in “COUNTRY NAME.

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