AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION

INTER-AMERICAN CHILDREN'S INSTITUTE (IIN)
MARIST INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY FOUNDATION (FMSI)
YOUTH OBSERVATORY OF THE PONTIFICAL CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF PARANÁ (PUCPR)

PROPOSAL FOR A RESEARCH PROFESSOR

1. OBJECTIVE

The objective of this operating agreement is to join efforts in order to conduct a regional study for the identification, synthesis and analysis of significant experiences in the prevention and eradication of violence in everyday settings in which the lives of children unfold.

2. EXECUTION

This operating memorandum shall be executed in compliance with the provisions of the Agreement of Cooperation from which it arises and in accordance with the following stipulations:

1. The Marist Foundation shall provide a specialist on violence against children, with a rights-based perspective, with sufficient experience and expertise for the preparation of a report on the lessons learned from the experiences identified in the region.
2. The IIN shall be responsible for managing procedures in the States in the region in order to obtain the information necessary for the completion of the study, and shall provide step-by-step support in information gathering, synthesis, analysis and deriving lessons.

3. The deadlines and terms of reference in the specialist's contract shall be drawn up by mutual agreement between the parties.

4. At the start of the contract, the specialist shall submit a work plan, which shall receive feedback from both institutions, as well as their approval.

5. The study shall include experiences from various American subregions, as well as programmes developed under the orbit of the State and of civil society.

6. The final output of the study shall be considered the joint output of both institutions, and shall be noted as such in its publication (logos, acknowledgements, etc.).

7. The IIN shall be responsible for the cost of the layout, design and digital publication of the report.

8. The dissemination and use of this report for the purpose of training and promoting non-violence shall be the responsibility of both institutions, which may work together or independently to such ends.

9. The IIN undertakes to ensure places for technicians and officials of the Marist Foundation in courses offered by the Institute at the beginning of each semester.

10. The parties undertake to respond to any communications related to the execution of this operating agreement within a maximum period of 72 hours after they have been received.

11. Any issue related to the execution of the objectives of this operating agreement which is not covered by it or by the Agreement of Cooperation of which it is an integral part, shall be resolved by mutual agreement between the parties.

3. KEY POINTS OF THIS AGREEMENT (SUMMARY)

- Objective: to conduct a study in three regions of America, on significant experiences in preventing and eradicating violence in children's everyday settings.
- Choice of regions to be studied: to be determined by the parties (one of these regions could be Brazil).
- Researcher's association: PUCPR
- Final output: a report on the outcomes of the research.

4. PUCPR COLLABORATION

The Pontifical Catholic University of Paraná, through its Youth Observatory, shall collaborate by providing a researcher to conduct the project provided for in the Agreement of Cooperation.

Payment of the time devoted to the study by the researcher shall be the PUCPR's responsibility, according to the following criteria.

- The duties provided for by the agreement of cooperation shall be included in the professor-researcher's regular work schedule, which shall not exceed 40 hours per week.
- Payment for conducting the project shall be included in the researcher's salary under the heading of a bonus.
- The researcher shall receive R$ 6,000.00 (six thousand reales), distributed as follows: R$ 3,000.00 in March 2017 and a further R$ 3,000.00 upon delivery of the final report, anticipated for March 2018.
- Failure to complete the project shall entail the return of the first part of the payment, amounting to R$ 3,000.00 (and of the corresponding cost of air fares).

5. PERIOD OF THE PUCPR'S COLLABORATION THROUGH ITS ASSOCIATED PROFESSOR (RESEARCHER)

From March 2017 to March 2018.

6. EXPECTED OUTPUTS AND PROCESS

The development and delivery of the following outputs and processes shall be the responsibility of the researcher associated with this project:

- Work plan.

- o Methodology. An exploratory and descriptive investigation, including fieldwork: interviews with key stakeholders, focus groups with beneficiaries, etc.
- Information gathering.
  - o Identification of lessons learned on the basis of experiences gathered in the regions selected, related to preventing and eradicating violence in children's everyday settings.
- Synthesis and analysis of collected data.
- Synthesis of lessons learned.
- Delivery of final report (a paper).
  - o The report shall include the identification and analysis of significant experiences, including experiences from various American subregions, as well as programmes conducted under the orbit of the State and of civil society.

7. PROJECT MAINTENANCE

Travelling expenses, such as air fares, accommodation, meals and transport within the regions selected for the research study shall be the responsibility of the Marist International Solidarity Foundation. Travel schedules shall be specified in the work plan, ensuring that all parties involved are able to allocate sufficient time to their family, institutional and budgetary organization.

8. MANAGEMENT

This agreement of cooperation shall be administered by the IIN, FMSI and PUCPR. Local relations with the associated researcher shall be handled by the director of the PUCPR's Youth Observatory. To this end, the Observatory and the researcher will maintain a regular schedule of meetings and discussions, with the purpose of providing support for the work plan, evaluating any work done and planning the next steps. The Observatory shall also be responsible for the rendering of regular accounts to the cooperating institutions.