



Regione Umbria

Memorandum of Understanding between the Umbria Region (Italian Republic) and the State of Washington (The United States of America) on cooperation in areas of common interest.

The Umbria Region and the State of Washington, hereinafter jointly designated Parties,

HAVING CONSIDERED

That, since November 2017, after an official visit to the Umbria Region by the Governor of the State of Washington, Jay Inslee, to the Umbria Region, it has been agreed with the strong will of the two Parties to start a path of cooperation in the economic, industrial and cultural sectors identified by both parties as areas of particular strategic importance for the achievement of their goals over the next few years;

THEY AGREE

It is the will of the Parties to establish strong collaborative relations, proposing important mutually agreed upon projects, as follows:

Article 1

This Memorandum of Understanding applies in full respect of the laws and regulations in force in their respective countries, as well as in accordance with international obligations and those deriving from the membership of Italy to the European Union.

The Parties manifest the intent of combining efforts with the aim of mutually collaborating in economic, social, scientific and cultural areas.

The activities envisaged fall within the scope of the Parties' respective goals and legal authority. With regard to the Italian Party, also within the scope of national and European legislation.

Article 2

The Parties intend to collaborate, to the extent feasible and mutually agreed upon, in the following particular areas:

A) Joint engagement in the commercial, industrial and technological sectors;

B) Development of cooperative projects, including economic development and growth, technology, and research and development (R&D), in the following areas:

1. Aerospace, through the development of cooperation between the respective aeronautical and related industries, by counting and exploiting the capabilities and competences present and available between the human and material resources present and operating by both Parties;
 2. Energy and alternative energy sources, through the promotion of cooperation, the implementation of joint research and innovation projects on clean energy production and distribution technologies, and the development of renewable energies and energy storage;
 3. Climate change, through the promotion of cooperation and joint research and innovation projects which aim to mitigate the effects of and adaptation needs due to ongoing climate change;
 4. Trade and commercial investments, by encouraging the development of economic and trade sectors involving both Parties;
 5. Cultural and creative sectors, through cooperation agreements and joint projects between governments and local government authorities, agencies, non-governmental organizations, universities and research centers;
- C) promotion of cultural and educational exchange through the exchange of talents, researchers, scholars and experts.

For the Italian Party, any further agreement to be signed under this Memorandum shall be notified in accordance with the Law 131/2003.

Article 3

This Memorandum of Understanding does not involve the transfer of financial or material resources between the Parties or between them and third parties. The Parties are responsible for their respective expenses arising from the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding.

Article 4

Any modification or integration as well as any renewal of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be effected in written form, subject to the consent of the Parties and in accordance with the internal procedures envisaged by the Parties. For the Umbria Region, referring to article 6, comma 2, Law 131/2003.

Article 5

Any dispute concerning the interpretation and application of this Memorandum shall be made in a friendly way directly between the Parties.

Article 6

The Embassies of the two countries will be informed, at least once a year, of the initiatives planned by the Parties under this Memorandum in their respective accreditation territories.

Article 7

Communications and correspondence relating to this Memorandum of Understanding will be addressed to:

I - Umbria Region: Catiuscia Marini, President of the Umbria Region, Corso Vannucci 96, 06100 Perugia - Italy

II - Washington State: Governor Jay Inslee, Office of the Governor, PO Box 40002 - Olympia, WA 98504-0002-USA

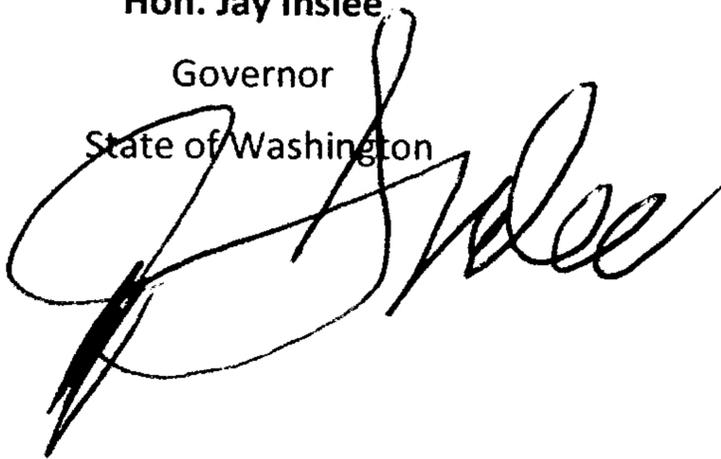
Article 8

This Memorandum of Understanding will be effective at signing and will remain valid for a period of 5 (five) years, or terminated at any time by written communication between the Parties.

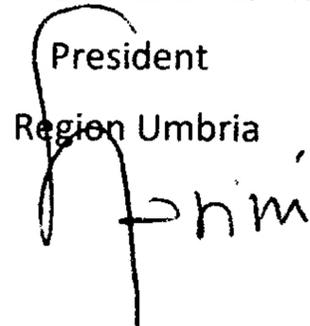
The termination will go into effect 6 (six) months after the notification to the other Party.

Signed in Perugia, on November 16, 2017, in two original versions, one in Italian and one in English, both texts being equally authentic.

Hon. Jay Inslee
Governor
State of Washington

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Hon. Catiuscia Marini
President
Region Umbria

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