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INTERNATIONAL GOVERNING BOARD OF THE BRICS NETWORK UNIVERSITY

DECLARATION

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We, members of the International Governing Board of the BRICS Network University (hereinafter IGB, IGB BRICS NU, BRICS NU) and assigned representatives of the Federative Republic of Brazil, the Russian Federation, the Republic of India, the People's Republic of China and the Republic of South Africa, having met to discuss state and prospects of development of a joint international educational project - BRICS Network University.

Aware of the responsibility for the fulfilment of the tasks entrusted to us by our states as members of the IGC BRICS NU, we unanimously agreed with the assessment of the results of the BRICS NU for the period 2015-2020 and with the conclusion that at the present stage the BRICS NU is successfully fulfilling its role as a joint multilateral educational project in the BRICS space, designed to contribute to the development and implementation of bilateral and multilateral educational programs, joint research projects in agreed priority areas.

We call on the BRICS NU participants as well as educational authorities of the BRICS member states to:

1. Approve the results of the activities of the BRICS NU in 2015–2020.
2. Note the fruitful contribution to the activities of the BRICS NU made by the BRICS NU participants and the educational authorities of the BRICS Member States to enhance the value of the BRICS Network University in establishing and developing networking cooperation among higher education organizations in BRICS countries in order to implement joint educational programmes as well as scientific and technical projects.
3. Continue to create the necessary conditions for the further progressive development of cooperation of the BRICS NU in the field of research and exchanges between the BRICS NU participants with the accumulated positive experience and knowledge.
4. Develop the main directions and tools of digitalization of the BRICS NU activities, including the development of an online platform to implement joint educational programmes of the BRICS Network University.

5. Facilitate the creation of the necessary conditions to develop the international academic mobility of students and academic staff within the BRICS NU.
6. Developing suggestions on providing financial support (creating a fund at the NCC) for the BRICS Network University student academic mobility
7. Strengthen coordination within the International Thematic Groups BRICS Network University to activate pursue research collaboration.
8. Recommend the International Thematic Groups of the BRICS Network University to conduct annual thematic seminars in the priority fields of study at least twice a year.
9. Study the issue of organizing an annual international scientific and cultural youth forum.
10. Take as a basis the Road Map of the BRICS Network University for the short and medium term taking into account the comments and suggestions that were made (Annex 1).
11. Ask members of the International Governing Board of the BRICS Network University of India, China, South Africa to send their comments and suggestions to the Road Map by 15 November 2020, Brazil – by 15 December 2020.
12. Ask the International Thematic Groups of the BRICS Network University to develop Road Maps for the implementation of 6 priority fields of study within the framework of the BRICS Network University for the period up to 2025.
13. Study the issue to create and hold an annual Forum of employers at the BRICS NU participants' venue.
14. Take as a basis the Concept of the BRICS Network University Operation and Development taking into account the comments and suggestions that were made (Annex 2).
15. Ask members of the International Governing Board of the BRICS Network University of India, China, South Africa to send their comments and suggestions to the Concept of the BRICS Network University by 15 November 2020, Brazil – by 15 December 2020.
16. Ask the National Coordinating Committees of the BRICS Network University to develop an action plan for the implementation of the Concept of Operation and Development of the BRICS Network University.
17. Consider a proposal to designate from among the BRICS NU participants the Coordinating University of the BRICS NU to provide information, analytical, technical and organizational support for the activities of the BRICS Network University.

We extend our gratitude to the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation and Peoples' Friendship University of Russia for the excellent organization and hosting of the Meeting of the International Governing Board of the BRICS Network University.

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