

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHILE  
AND  
THE KINGDOM OF SWEDEN  
ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF WELFARE**

The Governments of the Republic of Chile and the Kingdom of Sweden (hereinafter referred to as "the Participants")

ACKNOWLEDGING that the mutual exchange of knowledge and experience can strengthen the bonds of friendship and cooperation between the Participants and stimulate constructive development in the area of welfare

DESIRING to strengthen and deepen the relations between the two governments and the peoples of both countries

**AGREE TO**

**ONE**

Encourage cooperation in welfare and facilitate mutual contacts, exchanges and collaboration between governments, governmental agencies, regional and local governments, private sector institutions, academic and research institutions and civil society.

**TWO**

Encourage and facilitate cooperation, and systematically apply a gender perspective, in the following areas:

- (a) Equitable public health throughout the life-course, including health promotion, disease prevention and control of non-communicable diseases and their associated risk factors, such as tobacco, alcohol, unhealthy eating habits and lack of physical activity as well as, communicable diseases and antimicrobial resistance.
- (b) Universal health coverage and health financing.
- (c) Health care policy, including services, human resources, increased focus on primary health care, and sustainable health care management.
- (d) Health care technology, medical devices and pharmaceutical products.
- (e) Policies for prevention, treatment and control of alcohol, narcotic drugs, doping and tobacco.

- (f) Gender equality, with a focus on strengthened economic empowerment of women and girls and their access to economic resources and on the role of men and boys for gender equality.
- (g) Policies, services and technical solutions for the elderly.
- (h) Policies and measures to strengthen the rights of the child.
- (i) Any other areas of mutual interest that may be jointly decided upon by the Participants.

The attached annexes I- V shows examples of cooperation between the relevant entities.

### THREE

Cooperation under this Memorandum of Understanding and its annexes may take the following forms:

- a) Exchange of information;
- b) Exchange of delegations and experts;
- c) Exchange of experience on priority issues for both Participants;
- d) Participation in international conferences and meetings to be held in the respective countries;
- e) Promotion of technical cooperation among public institutions;
- f) Any other form of cooperation that jointly may be decided by the Participants.

### FOUR

This Memorandum of Understanding does not entail any financial or legal commitments on the part of the countries' Governments either under national or international law. The Participants recognize that the specific activities, programmes or projects to be carried out under this instrument shall comply with the Participants laws and policies as applicable and be implemented in accordance with the availability of human and financial resources.

### FIVE

The Participants hereby designate the following entities to ensure the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding and its annexes:

- I. Health care and public health: the Ministry of Health and Social Affairs of Sweden and the Ministry of Health of Chile.

- II. Prevention, Treatment and Control of Alcohol, Narcotic Drugs, Doping and Tobacco: the Ministry of Health and Social Affairs of Sweden and the National Service for Prevention and Rehabilitation of Drug and Alcohol Consumption of Chile (SENDA).
- III. Gender Equality: the Ministry of Health and Social Affairs of Sweden and the National Women's Service of Chile (SERNAM).
- IV. Elderly Care: the Ministry of Health and Social Affairs of Sweden and the National Service for the Elderly of Chile (SENAMA).
- V. Children's rights: the Ministry of Health and Social Affairs of Sweden and the National Council for Infancy of Chile (SENAME).

SIX

Any dispute relating to the interpretation, application or implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be settled amicably through consultations between the Participants.

SEVEN

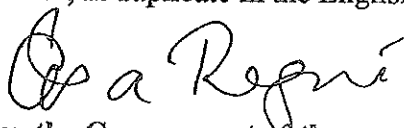
This Memorandum of Understanding may be modified upon the mutual written consent of the Participants.

EIGHT

The Memorandum of Understanding and its annexes will come into effect on the day of signature with a term of five (5) years and may be extended by mutual consent of the Participants, formalized in writing. If one Participant intends to terminate the Memorandum of Understanding it will inform the other Participant six (6) months in advance, in written form, and the Memorandum of Understanding will be terminated six (6) months after receipt of such notification.

SIGNED in Stockholm on the 4<sup>th</sup> of May 2016, in duplicate in the English language.

  
For the Government of the Republic  
of Chile

  
For the Government of the  
Kingdom of Sweden

## ANNEX 1

### AREAS OF INTEREST FOR INITIAL COOPERATION IN HEALTH CARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS OF SWEDEN AND THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH OF CHILE:

- a) Public policy: Exchange of information and experience in the planning, formulation and implementation of public policies in the area of health, for example, to learn about each other's experiences of how to deal with the progressive aging of population and the associated challenges in the healthcare system.
- b) Primary health care: Exploration of lines of cooperation on this issue, including possible study visits to exchange experiences about the primary health care system, with a special emphasis on the remote regions.
- c) Elderly care: Study visits to learn about the support and assistance in healthcare for the elderly and persons with dementia, including the gender perspective.
- d) Antimicrobial Resistance: cooperation in strengthening surveillance and implementing WHO's global surveillance system.
- e) Explore possible cooperation in education and training of professionals in the health care sector.

## ANNEX 2

AREAS OF INTEREST FOR INITIAL COOPERATION IN PREVENTION, TREATMENT AND CONTROL OF ALCOHOL, NARCOTIC DRUGS, DOPING AND TOBACCO BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS OF SWEDEN AND THE NATIONAL SERVICE FOR PREVENTION AND REHABILITATION OF DRUG AND ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION OF CHILE (SENDA):

- a) Visits of experts and professionals to learn about the public policies, policy implementation and best practices implemented to counter the consumption of drugs.
- b) Seminars for exchange of research, dialogue, debate and discussion among experts and researchers, concerning prevention models and models of intervention, in order to exchange experiences.
- c) Explore opportunities for the study of the processes associated with the reduction of demand and the creation of networks to increase the collaboration between Chile and Sweden.

### ANNEX 3

#### AREAS OF INTEREST FOR INITIAL COOPERATION IN GENDER EQUALITY, BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS OF SWEDEN AND THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S SERVICE (SERNAM):

- a) Regarding women's economic empowerment: successful public policies to achieve access to employment for more women; parental leave, care policies and gender equality in the workplace; public policies, plans or programmes to promote the employment of women in vulnerable situations; public policies, plans or programmes to promote migrant women's access to employment and remaining in their jobs.
- b) Regarding the political dimension of women's empowerment: mechanisms for the promotion of women's participation in decision-making spheres.
- c) Regarding women's physical autonomy: strategies for the prevention, punishment, and eradication of violence against women and girls.

#### ANNEX 4

### AREAS OF INTEREST FOR INITIAL COOPERATION CONCERNING CARE FOR THE ELDERLY BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS OF SWEDEN AND THE NATIONAL SERVICE FOR THE ELDERLY OF CHILE (SENAMA):

- a) Services and technical solutions: share knowledge regarding the further development and incorporation of new technologies with sociosanitary character, as well as technical training.
- b) Exchange of experiences regarding interagency and programmatic coordination between key players, including civil society and older people, and taking into account strategic links with pension institutions, health, gender, work, etc.
- c) Cross cutting approaches in the field of care and support concerning older people, including persons with dementia.
- d) A human rights- based approach for care and support, including long term care for the elderly through exchange of policies and experiences and good practices regarding independent and dignified living for the elderly.
- e) Study visits in relation to public policy concerning:
  - i) Articulation of sociosanitary programs.
  - ii) Promotion of good treatment for the elderly.
  - iii) Citizen participation and incidence of older people in decision-making.
- f) Exchange information and experiences in matters of old age and aging, for professionals and technicians working with elderly, in all relevant sectors.

## ANNEX 5

AREAS OF INTEREST FOR INITIAL COOPERATION IN CHILDREN'S RIGHTS BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS OF SWEDEN AND THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR INFANCY OF CHILE (SENAME):

- a) Strategic work to coordinate public sector actors at central government and municipal level regarding activities to safeguard the rights of the child, including the role and the work of the Ombudsman of Children in Sweden.
- b) Experiences of practical application of policies for children and the work to incorporate the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child into Swedish legislation. Measuring systems and indicators of observance of children's rights should be also included on this topic.
- c) Legislation and other measures to prevent all forms of violence against children.





**Government Offices of Sweden**

# Joint statement on the occasion of the State Visit by President Michelle Bachelet to Sweden, 10-12 May 2016

Joint statement by President Michelle Bachelet and Prime Minister Stefan Löfven.

Considering the solid and historic bilateral ties of friendship between Chile and Sweden and the proximity of the 200th anniversary of bilateral relations;

Reaffirming the importance both countries attach to the preservation of peace and international security, democratic principles, the promotion of human rights and social justice, and the rule of law;

Stressing their readiness to cooperate on strengthening multilateralism, the preservation of peace and international security, disarmament and non-proliferation, sustainable development and environmental preservation;

Reaffirming an interest in furthering partnership, in particular in the fields of trade and investment, science, technology and innovation, sustainable energy, climate change, sustainable development, welfare policies and cultural exchange, to the benefit of the Chilean and Swedish societies;

The Government of the Republic of Chile and the Government of the Kingdom of Sweden have agreed as follows:

## I Regular bilateral consultations

Chile and Sweden will continue to hold regular political consultations to develop and identify opportunities for closer bilateral cooperation as well as joint action in the international arena.

## II Trade and investment

Chile and Sweden reassert their commitment to expand and diversify bilateral trade, boost investment flows and enhance their dialogue on global and bilateral economic and commercial issues.

Chile and Sweden welcome the Chile-Sweden Business Forum on the occasion of President Michelle Bachelet's State Visit to Sweden, with the participation of private and public companies and governmental institutions. Chile acknowledges the permanent support given by Sweden to the process of negotiating the modernisation of its Association Agreement with the European Union. Both countries recognise the importance of the participation of Sweden as an observer state to the Pacific Alliance, which paves the way for future cooperation with the member countries of the Pacific Alliance.

## III Corporate Social Responsibility

Sustainable business, including respect for human rights, is of growing importance in the international debate. Export-oriented countries like Chile and Sweden should work together to promote sustainable business around the world. Social dialogue between the parties on the labour market is of crucial importance when doing business in a responsible way.

Chile and Sweden have strengthened their collaboration on Corporate Social Responsibility by signing a Memorandum of Understanding in which human rights, social dialogue, environmental issues and anti-corruption are given special

attention. In this regard, both countries also stress the importance of the Global Deal initiative launched by Sweden and sustainable business as a comparative advantage for companies.

## IV Cooperation in the area of welfare

Chile and Sweden have reaffirmed their satisfaction with and commitment to their cooperation in the area of welfare by signing a Memorandum of Understanding.

Both countries share a strong ambition to achieve equitable and gender-equal welfare systems/societies for their citizens. Gender equality, health care, public health, geriatric care and the rights of children are examples of areas where Sweden and Chile could share experience and learn from each other.

## V Green technologies and innovation, sustainable urban development, and sustainable infrastructure and public procurement

How cities are planned, and how transportation, housing and industry are coordinated, is very important for a healthy environment, sustainable growth and good quality of life for citizens. New innovative solutions, such as bio-based fuels for public transportation, could strengthen development in both countries. By utilising organic waste for the production of biogas, a perceived problem can be transformed into a resource.

By signing a Memorandum of Understanding, both countries have also committed themselves to exploring opportunities for cooperation in the field of sustainable energy, with the ambition of accelerating the transition to a clean energy future.

Both countries welcome Chile's signing of a Declaration of Intent regarding a Global Stars pilot call as part of the process of becoming an associated member of EUREKA, a network that promotes transnational research, development and innovation collaboration.

## VI Sustainable mining and green technologies

The mining industry is of great importance in both Chile and Sweden in terms of exports, growth and job creation/employment.

Chile and Sweden have signed a Memorandum of Understanding promoting bilateral cooperation related to sustainable and innovative mining. The priorities for cooperation are improved efficiency and profitability, innovation, mining skills development and industry. It will encourage the establishment of contacts between government and professional operators in the private sector.

## VII Sustainable forest management

Both Chile and Sweden have unique forest resources. Sustainable forest management contributes to both countries' shared effort to tackle climate change and achieve sustainable development.

The countries have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to further develop their collaboration in the area of sustainable forest management. Bioenergy, wood construction, research and innovation, the participation of smallholders and forest owners, and gender equality are strategically important areas of collaboration.

Both countries welcome the agreement signed between the Chilean Development Cooperation Agency (CORFO) and the SP Technical Research Institute of Sweden to coordinate activities aimed at facilitating and promoting joint projects related to wood construction systems.

## VIII Cooperation on science, technology and education

Both sides reaffirm their mutual interest in strengthening bilateral cooperation in the field of research and higher education.

The parties took note of the agreement between the universities of Lund and Uppsala and the University of Chile and the Pontifical Catholic University to organise academic forums open to researchers from both countries.

## IX Working holidays

Chile and Sweden have signed a working holiday agreement. With this agreement in place, young people will be able to travel more freely and improve their knowledge of a different language and culture. The agreement creates possibilities for the individual and strengthens the ties between our countries.

## X Cooperation on cultural exchange

Chile and Sweden reassert their interest in working towards expanding bilateral cultural exchange based on mutual cultural dissemination in creative areas such as literature, music and cinema.

## XI Cooperation on triangular development cooperation

Chile and Sweden affirm their preparedness to work together for sustainable development in third countries where cooperation projects of mutual interest are identified.

## XII Implementation

At the regular bilateral political consultations, Chile and Sweden will take stock of progress made in implementing the agreements announced today. The two countries may decide to establish joint additional steering groups to monitor implementation in specific areas.

## Annex 1

### Examples of possible joint actions as a follow-up of the State Visit

- Chile-Sweden Business Forum will allow the establishment of new contacts and the possibility of increasing trade and investment.
- Participation of the Swedish Ambassador for CSR in a seminar on Business and Human Rights to be held in Santiago de Chile at the end of May 2016.
- Continue collaboration and exchange of experiences regarding CSR practices, enhanced social dialogue in the labour market [Global Deal] and implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.
- Explore an exchange and collaboration between SENCE and the Swedish Public Employment Agency.
- Exchange of information and experience in the planning, formulation and implementation of public policies in the area of health. Learn about how to deal with the progressive ageing of the populations. Carry out a visit to Sweden by a Chilean delegation.
- Visits of experts and professionals to learn about the public policies, policy implementation and best practices implemented to counter the consumption of drugs.
- Exchange of information to promote women's participation in decision-making spheres.
- Study visits to learn about support and assistance in healthcare for the elderly and persons with dementia, including the gender perspective.

- Explore possibilities of cooperation between public sector actors at central and local government level regarding activities to safeguard the rights of the child, including the role and work of the Ombudsman for Children in Sweden.
- Promote cooperation between the Ministry of Justice of Chile and Fryshuset in issues related to the social inclusion of young people.
- Visit to Sweden during the second half of 2016 of a delegation from the Ministry of Energy to study what Sweden is doing in energy efficiency and renewable energy.
- Visit to Sweden by a delegation from INFOR to study possible cooperation with Skogforsk Institute.
- Implementation of the MOU signed by CORFO and the SP Technical Research Institute.
- The first meeting between the universities of Lund and Uppsala and the University of Chile and the Pontifical Catholic University will be held in the city of Lund in 2017, initiating a close scientific cooperation between Sweden and Chile oriented towards joint societal challenges.

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