

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA  
AND  
THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC  
AND CULTURAL ORGANISATION**

**ON CO-OPERATION IN THE FIELDS  
OF BIOMEDICINE AND BIOTECHNOLOGY**

The Government of the Republic of Latvia (hereinafter -the Government of Latvia) and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (hereinafter-UNESCO),

*taking into consideration* the importance of research in biomedicine, biotechnology and molecular biology, and the need to enhance co-operation in these fields,

*acknowledging* the advantage of establishing an International Centre of Biomedicine and Biotechnology (hereinafter - Centre) in Riga,

have agreed as follows:

#### Article 1

The Government of Latvia and UNESCO welcome the initiative taken by the University of Latvia and the Latvian Academy of Sciences to take the necessary steps towards the establishment of an International Centre of Biomedicine and Biotechnology in Riga.

#### Article 2

The Government of Latvia and UNESCO will encourage the Centre to conduct scientific research, offer postgraduate studies and provide training in biomedicine, biotechnology, molecular and cell biology, enhance international co-operation and scientific exchanges; disseminate scientific data and achievements as well as their medical, veterinary and industrial application; support measures to mobilize extrabudgetary resources for the above mentioned purposes.


#### Article 3

A separate agreement between the University of Latvia and UNESCO shall regulate the organizational details of the establishment and the modalities of functioning of the Centre.

Done in Riga, on 29 June 1998 in two copies in English and two in Latvian, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government  
of the Republic of Latvia

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For the United Nations Educational,  
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Director -General

