



Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding (herein referred to as “**MOU**”) has been agreed upon between:

International HOPE, registered in the pertinent civil registry under the reference numbers 75/2021 (herein referred to as the “**First Party**”) represented by its’ President Atty. Mohamad Ayouby

AND

iStand Parent Network (herein referred to as the “**Second Party**”) represented by Dr. Noelle Hunter

Preamble:

iHOPE and iStand agreed on short term, mid-term and long term collaboration for regional and global education on International Parental Child Abduction and robust advocacy and action to help reunite children and families who are affected by this painful, far-reaching problem.

For that, both partners will establish a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) which outlines their joint mission, purposes and tasks related to IPCA education, prevention, advocacy and resolution.

In accordance with this MOU, the Second Party will provide the following

Services:

Short Term Collaboration:

- Secure iHOPE attendance and participation in iStand: UNDIVIDED, the International Parents Conference & Embassy Walk, Sept. 20 - Oct. 1 in Washington DC.

- Identify resources at the University of Alabama in Huntsville and elsewhere to help further the mission of iHOPE and seek opportunities to advance research-based advocacy on this issue.

Mid-term Collaboration:

- Develop and participate international exchange program in which representatives of iHOPE would travel to the United States to learn from iStand and partner organizations and to implement the first phase of a planned public awareness and prevention program targeted toward international families; and one in which iStand
- Representatives would subsequently, representatives from iStand would travel to Lebanon to learn from and engage with iHOPE and allied stakeholders for similar purposes.
- Seek project-based and sustained funding to support our mutual work for families and international cooperation on this issue.

Long-term Collaboration:

- Continuously seek project-based and sustained funding to support our mutual work for families and international cooperation on this issue.
- Support iHOPE expansion to other Arab nations through our network of contacts and expertise.
- Expand both parties' joint mission and work to impact this issue.

The First Party, in accordance with this MOU, will provide the following concessions and facilitations to consecrate a fruitful collaboration:

- Preparing specialized studies and research of high scientific value on child protection issues, such the international abduction (comparative studies and jurisdiction conflicts...)
- Launching a YouTube channel that will explain in English all Arab laws related to abduction and the method of legal action on them in order to obtain practical results. · Filing legal claims by IHOPE, and Ayouby Law Firm and other law firms on behalf of IStand against the kidnappers for obligating them, through judicial decisions, to secure communication via video call with the American mother who subjected her children to abduction.
- Conducting training sessions for American lawyers and NGOs working in the abduction field, and perhaps for universities and students, the topics could contain the diversity of Arab laws with multiple sects.
- To work with students in the legal clinic to make abduction lawsuits a kind of pro bono cases in cooperation with Ayouby law firm and other several law offices
- Managing campaigns and press releases in order to shed light on abduction and warn of its dangers and to conduct legal campaigns and lawsuits in order to encourage Arab countries, including Lebanon, to sign the international

conventions related to child abduction

- Publish booklets or make applications or webinars in English concerning the abduction and the related laws, or a know-how tutorial about all abduction cases (specialized lawyers in this field, local investigation for locate the abducted child, locate school and activities information about the abducted child, specific campaigns.....)
- Send students from the Lebanese University as part of the exchange program between both parties to gain experiences and vice versa from the United States to Lebanon allowing the educational institutions in Lebanon to cooperate with us for free.

Confidentiality:

The Parties acknowledge and confirm that any oral or written information exchanged among them with respect to this MoU constitutes confidential information. The Parties shall maintain the confidentiality of all such information. Without the prior written consent of the Party who had provided such information, none of the Parties shall disclose any confidential information to any third party.

Exclusivity:

The services discussed in this Agreement are to be deemed exclusive, and the parties shall not be engaged in similar services with other competing companies. Unless their engagement will not impair the services provided in this Agreement.

In accordance with this MOU, both the First Party and the Second Party will:

Annually evaluate the partnership and any associated project or programs to improve collaboration, services and outcomes.

Duration: This MOU shall be in effect from September 30, 2021 through September 30, 2022, and annually renewed with the consent of both Parties. Either party may also seek to extend or terminate this MOU during the annual review period.

First Party

Represented by its Founder & President:
Atty. Mohamad Ayouby

Second Party

Represented by its Co-Founder:
Dr. Noelle Hunter