



## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

**THE WELFARE, PUBLIC HEALTH AND FAMILY POLICY AREA  
(GOVERNMENT OF FLANDERS)**



AND

**THE AGENCY SENAMA  
(REPUBLIC OF CHILE)**

**THE WELFARE, PUBLIC HEALTH AND FAMILY POLICY AREA (GOVERNMENT OF FLANDERS) and  
THE SERVICIO NACIONAL DEL ADULTO MAYOR (AGENCY SENAMA) (REPUBLIC OF CHILE), both  
hereafter referred to as “the Participants”:**

Acting in the spirit of partnership and cooperation;

Taking into account the Framework Agreement for international cooperation between the Flemish and Chilean Governments, signed in 1995;

Taking into account the Cooperation Agreement from the Joint Committee Flanders - Chile, signed in 2007;

Considering the importance of cooperation within the framework of the Decade of Healthy Aging 2020-2030, promoted by the WHO, fostering a commitment to senior persons so that they may have a dignified, full, safe and healthy life;

Considering the challenges imposed by Covid 19 to the international community and their devastating effects on the aging population;

With a view to further strengthening and developing their mutual relations;

With the aim of exchanging good practices within their field of competences;

On the basis of friendship and the already existing cooperation between them;

And within the framework of the arrangements carried out by the Chilean International Cooperation Agency for Development, which supported and assisted the first exploratory missions,

HAVE COME TO THE FOLLOWING UNDERSTANDING:

## **SECTION 1: PURPOSE AND AREAS OF COOPERATION**

- §1. This Memorandum of Understanding aims to establish the basis for a cooperative relationship to encourage bilateral exchange of knowledge and best practices between the Participants. It describes the areas and the modalities of organization in order to achieve this objective.
- §2. The Participants will encourage exchange of expertise and good practices in the following areas within their competences:
- 1) Residential care (nursing homes open model);
  - 2) Short term stay for temporary care and accommodation;
  - 3) Dementia policy with focus on young onset dementia and the social integration;
  - 4) Health and Care Inspectorate and accreditation;
  - 5) The Flemish Social Protection as support system to help bear the costs of non-medical expenses;
  - 6) Financing mechanisms of built health and care infrastructure.
  - 7) The Flemish continuous evaluation and analysis of Public Policies

## **SECTION 2: MODALITIES OF COOPERATION**

- §1. Exchange of good practices between the Participants under this Memorandum of Understanding may take the following modalities:
- 1) Exchange of good practices and experiences on policy and technical level;
  - 2) Exchange of good practices, expertise and experiences between academic, scientific and technical personnel within the areas described in Section 1, §2;
  - 3) Organization of study visits within the areas described in Section 1, §2;

- 4) Mutual invitation of experts to conferences, events, etc. organized by the Participants or where the Participants consider it useful for experts of the other Participant to be present.
- 5) Training in evaluation of public policies

§2. Other modalities may be decided upon later by the Participants.

### **SECTION 3: FINANCING**

The costs involved in the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding will be borne by the respective Participants. This Memorandum of Understanding does not bind either Participant to any financial arrangement other than those separately accepted in writing. The Participants will also examine possibilities for cooperation under European Union funding schemes.

### **SECTION 4: EFFECTIVE DATE, AMENDMENTS, TERMINATION**

- §1. This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect upon signature.
- §2. This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended at any time by mutual written consent of the Participants.
- §3. This Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by either Participant giving one month's written notice to the other Participant.

### **SECTION 5: DISPUTE SETTLEMENT**

This Memorandum of Understanding does not create any rights or obligations under International Law.

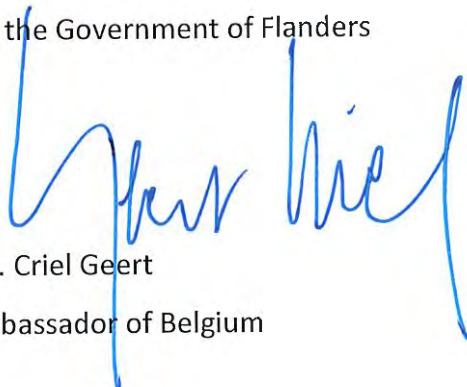
Any dispute between the Participants related to the interpretation and implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding will be resolved amicably by means of consultation and negotiation between the Participants and will not be referred to any national or international tribunal or third party for settlement.



The foregoing represents the understandings reached between the Participants upon the matters referred to herein; it does not create legally binding obligations.

Signed in Santiago, Chile, on June 7, 2021, in duplicate in Spanish and English, both texts being equally valid.

For the Government of Flanders



p.p. Criel Geert

Ambassador of Belgium

For the Servicio Nacional del Adulto Mayor (SENAMA)



Octavio Vergara Andueza

National Director