FIRST ADDENDUM TO

THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF FLANDERS

AND

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES

ON COOPERATION IN AREAS OF MUTUAL INTEREST

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the United Mexican States and the Government of Flanders, competent for the regional and community powers for the Region and Community of Flanders in accordance with the Constitution of Belgium, hereinafter jointly referred to as ("the Parties");

RECALLING the Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the United Mexican States and the Government of Flanders on Cooperation in Areas of Mutual Interest, signed in Brussels on June 22, 2016 ("the MoU"),

RECOGNIZING the positive experience between the Parties in their past collaboration under the MoU;

WHEREAS, on 3 May 2019, by presidential decree, new activities were established to promote foreign trade and attract foreign direct investment to be carried out by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, following the extinction of ProMéxico:

FURTHER RECOGNIZING that both Parties value collaboration and cooperation and an ongoing willingness of the Directorate-General for Global Economic Impulse of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (IEG for its acronym in Spanish) and Flanders Investment & Trade, the trade and investment promotion organisation of the Flemish Region of The Kingdom of Belgium (FIT for its acronym in English) to work together to further cooperation in the field of economic and trade promotion and to promote a climate of open exchange and cooperation within their respective fields of competence;

RESOLVING to cooperate and build on and benefit from the already strong relationship between the Parties;

Have agreed to amend the MoU as follows:

ARTICLE 1

Article 2(4) will be replaced by the following text

"4 Business Promotion. The Parties, in accordance with their respective authority and their applicable national legislation, will encourage communication and economic exchanges between Mexican and Flemish institutions and will foster the development of trade and investment activities that further a mutual business presence. Likewise, the Parties will promote the establishment of strategic partnerships between businesses, especially SMEs, and Strategic Research Centres and will provide the Directorate-General for Global Economic Impulse of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (IEG) and Flanders Investment & Trade of the Flemish Region of The Kingdom of Belgium (FIT) fast-track access to relevant government institutions, inter alia, for transport and communication, the phytosanitary agencies or customs, in order to exchange available commercial and economic studies, as well as non-confidential information regarding potential investors in all sectors identified by these agencies. The Parties will continue mutual promotion activities (seminars, programs, business meetings). The Parties will identify activities of cooperation, such as the exchange of supporting documents for the analysis and planning of export and investment projects such as market studies and profiles, trade statistics, audio-visual material and publications in the economic and trade field."

ARTICLE 2

The follow-up and implementation of the activities of cooperation under Article 2(4) of the MoU and Article 1 of this Addendum will be carried out by the Working Group established in Article 5 of the MoU.

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ARTICLE 3

The other terms and conditions under the MoU remain unchanged and in effect.

This Addendum shall enter into force upon signature by both Parties and shall remain in force until such time as the MoU is terminated or amended

This Addendum shall become an integral part of the original MoU.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Addendum to the MoU, in the Spanish, Dutch and English languages, in Brussels, Belgium on the day 5 of July, 2022.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF FLANDERS

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