

# MEMORANDUM OF INTENT AND UNDERSTANDING

among  
the Participants  
of the  
Invitational Accreditation/Validation Round Table Conference

Whereas, the participants to the Invitational Accreditation/Validation Round Table Conference held in Washington, DC, USA on 4-5 May 2006 are representatives of various national, regional and global organizations responsible for, or interested in, the accreditation/validation of architectural education; and

Whereas, the participants share the goal of developing an accord for the recognition of accreditation/validation systems allowing graduates from a study programme/course of architectural education accredited by one of the represented systems to be accepted as substantially equivalent by another, subject to additional requirements imposed by local law; and

Whereas, it was agreed that such a goal could be achieved by an international protocol that would contribute significantly to the quality of architectural education; and

Whereas, all parties recognize that substantial similarities exist among the systems, including respect for cultural diversity, and processes for accreditation/validation of study programmes/courses in architecture.

Therefore, the participants express their commitment to continue the dialogue started at this Conference with the intent of establishing such a protocol.

Adopted unanimously by those listed below:

**Australia**

David Parken  
Gordon Holden

**Canada**

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Christopher Macdonald  
Marina Lavrow

**China**

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**Korea**

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**Mexico**

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