

MEMORANDUM OF INTENT AND UNDERSTANDING
among
the Participants
of the
2nd International Accreditation/Validation Roundtable

Whereas, the participants to the 2nd International Accreditation/Validation Roundtable held in Ottawa, Ontario, CANADA on 7-9 May 2007 are representatives of various national, regional and global organizations responsible for, or involved 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/validated by one of the represented systems to be accepted as substantially equivalent by another, subject to additional requirements imposed by local regulations; and

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

Whereas, all parties accepted and agreed that the "Comparative Analysis of Accrediting/Validating Standards" is a framework to substantiate the similarities between the systems and will be completed by the dates indicated below; and

Whereas, all parties agreed upon a draft Statement of Principles and a Draft Protocol that will inform the drafting of an accord among the signatories; and

Whereas, all parties agreed to participate in the drafting of an accord on Substantial Equivalency of Architectural Accreditation/Validation Systems to continue consultations in the participants jurisdictions intended to enable the signing of an accord;

Therefore, the participants express their commitment to continue the dialogue leading to signing of an accord, and to work within the following timetable:

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| 1. Comparative Analysis of Accrediting/Validation Standards responses from participants | 15 June 2007 |
| 2. Incorporation of discussions of the 2nd Roundtable into the text of the 1st Draft of the Accord | 15 June 2007 |
| 3. Final comparative Analysis of Accrediting/Validation Standards | 30 June 2007 |
| 4. Comments on the 1st Draft Accord from participants | 15 August 2007 |
| 5. 2nd Draft Accord to be circulated to participants | 15 September 2007 |
| 6. Issue of Final Version of the Draft Accord | 15 December 2007 |
| 7. Authority to sign the Accord | by 1 April 2008 |

Further it was agreed that the next meeting shall take place at a time designated by the host and agreed to by the participants in Canberra, Australia 7-8 April 2008.

Adopted unanimously by the participants from the countries/organizations listed below:

Australia

David Parken

Canada

Claudio Brun del Re

Myriam Blais

Marina Lavrow

P.R. of China

Zhou chang

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Commonwealth

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