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Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding ('MoU') is entered into on the Twenty First day of August 2013 at Goa, India.

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BY AND BETWEEN

Goa University (hereinafter referred to as 'GU', which expression shall unless repugnant to the meaning of the context thereof means and includes its successors, transferees and permitted assigns) established by Goa University Act, 1984, represented herein by its Registrar, Prof. Vijayendra P. Kamat, having its office at Administrative Block, University Campus, Taleigao Plateau, Goa GA 403206 of the first part.

AND

Centre for Internet and Society (hereinafter referred to as 'CIS', which expression shall unless repugnant to the meaning of the context thereof means and includes its successors, transferees and permitted assigns) represented herein by its Executive Director, Sunil Abraham having its registered office at 194, 2nd C Cross, Domlur II Stage, Domlur Bangalore, Karnataka 560071 of the second part.

WHEREAS:

CIS is registered as a society under the Karnataka Societies Registration Act 1960 with registration No. SOR/BLU/DR/57/08-09 in Bangalore, in the year 2008. CIS is a leading research organization in India working on Internet policy. As an independent, non-profit making research organization, it runs policy research programmes under the head, such as, Accessibility, Access to Knowledge, Openness, Internet Governance, and Telecom. These policy research programmes has resulted in outputs such as the "e-Accessibility Policy Handbook for Persons with Disabilities" in collaboration with ITU (International Telecommunications Union) and G3ict (Global Initiative for Inclusive Information Communication Technologies), and "Digital Alternatives with a Cause? Thinkathon: Position Papers" and the "Digital Natives with a Cause? A Report" co-organised with Hivos, etc.

The Wikimedia Foundation has approved CIS, a grant for two years, to anchor and catalyze the growth of Indian language Wikimedia communities and projects, by community collaborations and partnerships in India. This is being carried out by the CIS Access to Knowledge (CIS-A2K) Programme based in Bangalore. The Wikimedia Foundation, Inc is non-profit charitable organization having its headquarter at San Francisco, California, United States of America, dedicated to encouraging the growth, development and distribution of free,

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multilingual, educational content, and to providing the full content of these wikibased projects to the public free of charge. The Wikimedia Foundation operates some of the largest collaboratively edited reference projects in the world, including Wikipedia, a top-ten internet property.

Both GU and CIS share a mutual interest in (a) strengthening Indian languages for higher education purposes and Konkani language in specific; (b) expanding the digital presence of Konkani, and (c) free access to knowledge in Konkani language.

Now therefore this MoU witnesses as under:

GU has upon CIS' request explicitly expressed intent to relicense the "Konkani Vishwakosh" under Creative Commons license (CC-BY-SA 3.0), a Wikipedia compatible license. It has taken the approval of the GU Executive Council for the same.

GU and CIS will work together to digitize "Konkani Vishwakosh" under Creative Common license and build a Digital Knowledge Partnership in order to enhance digital literacy in the Konkani language and facilitate collaborative knowledge production and disseminate the same free of cost. The parties will co-design and jointly implement relevant training programmes to achieve this objective.

GU shall provide to CIS all the available data of Konkani Vishwakosh for digitalization and thereafter CIS would Suo Moto work with students of GU on digitalization of the Vishwakosh.

GU shall not provide any monetary support, in any form, in view of this MoU and CIS shall carry create, develop and administer the Vishwakosh out of its own funds.

This MoU is valid for a period of 3 years, beginning from the date of last signatory of this MoU. This MoU may be terminated by either of the parties by giving 30 (thirty) days written notice in advance, with or without cause.

Any cause of action arising out of this MoU will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of India and shall be subjected to the jurisdiction Junior Programme Officer Serva Sniksha Abhiyana of the Courts in Goa.

In the event that any dispute or difference arises out of or relating to this MoU, between the Parties, the Parties may refer the dispute to arbitration. Such arbitration shall be conducted by an arbitrator to be mutually appointed by the Parties and shall be held in Goa. The award of the arbitrator shall be final and conclusive and binding upon the Parties.

In witness whereof, the parties to this MoU have hereto affixed their signatures in the presence of witnesses on the day and the year first hereinabove mentioned.

For Goa University

Signature:

Name: Prof V.P. Kamat

REGISTRAR

Designation: Registrar, Goa University GOA

Date: 21st August 2013

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For Centre for Internet & Society

Signature: Signature:

Name: Mr. Sunil Abraham

Designation: Executive Director

Date: 25 August 2013

In the presence of:

Witness

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