

## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**between**

**the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine**

**and**

**the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of the Swiss Confederation**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine and the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of the Swiss Confederation hereinafter referred to as the “Signatories”,

Recalling the demand of the UN Secretary-General António Guterres to come together and offer an urgent and coordinated global response to the COVID-19 pandemic,

Wishing to develop and strengthen scientific and industrial (R&D) cooperation between the two countries, providing a joint response to the COVID-19 challenge and pursuing science diplomacy in the spirit of “Tech4good”.

Recognizing the promising and mutually benefitting combination of the Ukrainian and Swiss scientific and engineering skills, with a view to achieve successful production capacity in Ukraine,

Have reached the following understanding:

1. The Signatories intend to explore the best possible collaborations to produce high-quality and low-cost life-saving medical equipment (such as lung ventilators) to tackle health challenges, including COVID-19. Such bilateral collaboration intend to be complementary to multilateral (WHO) efforts.
2. The Signatories intend to consider existing scientific collaboration and build on that, as a first step towards a broader and deeper cooperation, combining Ukrainian and Swiss science, engineering and industrial production between the two countries.
3. The Signatories foresee this cooperation as an open source (research and production) for the benefit of all.

4. During this first stage, Switzerland can provide grant funding up to CHF 1,5 mio in order to combine Ukrainian and Swiss research and engineering capacities to achieve a successful pilot production. During this initial stage, the issue of standards and certification requirements should be addressed.
5. A recipient mechanism should be created to receive the Swiss grant as it cannot be directly channeled to a company. The practical details of this arrangement should be addressed in a separate document.
6. Switzerland is furthermore ready to facilitate other partnerships for obtaining a credit for the production process.

This Memorandum is not intended to create any legally binding obligations between the Signatories. It becomes effective on the date of its signing.

This Memorandum can be terminated by each Signatory at any time, preferably by written notification one month in advance.

Signed in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ 2020 in two originals in English language.

**For the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of  
Ukraine**

**For the Federal Department  
of Foreign Affairs  
of the Swiss Confederation**