



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between
CTIF
and
IEDO



NOTING that the Comité Technique International de prévention et d'extinction de Feu, now also known as the International Association of Fire and Rescue Services (CTIF hereafter), is a non-profit association registered in Paris, France, in 1900. CTIF ensures the exchange of experience and knowledge in the field of protection and rescue in case of fire or other disasters. The important objectives are to: encourage, support and develop international cooperation, both technically and scientifically, regarding prevention, firefighting, the rescue of people and animals, and to provide technical assistance. Additionally CTIF wants to stimulate the relationships between fire departments and other rescue services. To accomplish all of this CTIF ensures amongst other things: scientific research, the publication of articles and reports, the organisation of different commissions and working groups, and cooperation with bodies other than the rescue services that are also working in the field of prevention and security. CTIF has members in many countries from Europe, North America and Asia, making it currently the largest global network of firefighting organisation.

NOTING that International Emergency Drone Organization (IEDO) is a non-profit association registered with the prefecture of Versailles, France and dedicated to the promotion of the use of drones by emergency services in all countries, sharing drone-related experience and information between its members, and improving drone pilot training. In addition, IEDO addresses collaborative drone-related research & development, the testing of new technologies, cooperation on issues related to the testing and implementation of technology developments with respect to data collection, processing, storage, maintenance, visualisation, dissemination and use, relative to the use of drones in the case of disasters and crisis. IEDO has more than 400 members including 20 public safety agencies or associations from 40 countries (European Union, Africa, Far East, North & South America, Asia and Pacific), in the following categories: firefighters, policemen, search & rescue volunteers, doctors & paramedics. IEDO motto is *"To save more lives with drones"*

CONCLUDING that CTIF and IEDO share a common interest in the development and improvement of technological knowledge, tools and understanding for fire, rescue and humanitarian missions, specifically when involving drones;

THEREFORE, this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) provides a framework for a continuing liaison between the two organisations. This will be achieved by maintaining and increasing the opportunities of scientific, technical and professional, as well as academic and educational exchange between their members, through continuing co-operation leading to mutual sharing of knowledge and expertise to the mutual advantage of both organisations.

Both Parties **HEREBY AGREE** to endeavour to continue their co-operation for mutual benefit. The following steps will be taken, among others:

1. Each Party will designate one person together within its general secretariat as its principal point of contact for the other Party. Communications between the two Parties will be conducted through these principal points of contact.

2. When practical each relevant scientific or operationally established activity group, such as study groups or working groups about drone uses, will be composed of representatives of both organisations where it is agreed that it would be appropriate.
3. Each Party will seek to inform the other of its proposed scientific or professional activities about drone operation such as conferences, seminars and workshops to enable joint participation should it be of mutual benefit, and may publicise details to inform its members of these events as appropriate.
4. Both organisations may identify opportunities to organise drone specialised seminars or workshops under joint sponsorship, and may also seek to promote joint publications.
5. The strategic plans of CTIF and IEDO will be explored to determine specific areas of common interest. Collaboration will be specifically sought relative to research in drone technology, drone standards, and drone operational matters.
6. This MoU does not constitute any commitment of resources (financial & personnel) for either Party. Both Parties will bear the costs of covering their respective responsibilities.
7. Each Party may not incur or accept liabilities or responsibilities (financial or legal) on behalf of the other Party without express consent in writing.
8. All communications between the Parties hereto will be conducted in English.
9. This MoU may be modified or amended by written agreement between CTIF and IEDO.
10. To the extent permitted by the laws applicable to each Party, the Parties shall not disclose information designated as "Confidential Information" to any third party without the other Party's written consent. Confidential Information shall remain confidential for three (3) years after the termination of this MOU.
11. This MoU shall enter into force for an initial period of two years upon signature by the authorised representatives of CTIF and IEDO and may be terminated by either Party by written notification to the other party with a notice period of three months.

IN WITNESS WITHIN, the parties hereto have signed this Memorandum of Understanding on December 14, 2020.

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