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Memorandum of Understanding signed between the European Commission and the Global Risk Forum GRF Davos

The European Commission, represented for the purpose of signing this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) by Dr. Roland SCHENKEL, Director General of the Joint Research Centre, and the Global Risk Forum GRF Davos, have signed an MoU to provide customer driven scientific and technical support for the conception, development implementation and monitoring of European Union policies. The combination of the world's growing population with expanding urbanization and globalization has greatly aggravated the risk potential to all communities and nations. Both parties want to address the variety of risks that face communities, from natural hazards to technical and biological risks, from pandemics to terrorism – all across different political institutions, national and international organisations, countries and business sectors. The Parties have expressed their mutual desire to promote further strategic co-operation and for that purpose, they agreed to conclude the present MoU. The main objective of this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is to provide a general framework for promoting collaboration between the two parties in S&T areas of mutual interest.