

LETTER OF INTENT

FOR THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE FRIENDLY TIES BETWEEN THE LABORATÓRIO DE ARQUEOLOGIA DA UNIVERSIDADE FEDERAL DE PERNAMBUCO, BRAZIL, AND THE FOUNDATION FOR EXPLORATION AND CONSERVATION OF MONUMENTS OF THE DUTCH WEST INDIA COMPANY (MOWIC FOUNDATION), THE NETHERLANDS

CONSIDERING THE IMPORTANT AND PARTICULAR HISTORICAL AND ACADEMIC COMMON INTEREST OF OUR TWO INSTITUTIONS,

INTENDING TO ESTABLISH A FRAMEWORK, NECESSARY FOR THE EXECUTION OF HISTORICAL-ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH, EXPLORATION AND CONSERVATION OF MONUMENTS, HISTORICAL OBJECTS, REMNANTS AND RESTS SPREAD OVER, AND RELATED TO THE TERRITORIES OF THE DUTCH WEST INDIA COMPANY (WIC),

ACKNOWLEDGING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO INSTITUTIONS ON BEHALF OF THE FORT ORANGE PROJECT, THE RESULTS OF WHICH ARE OF MUTUAL INTEREST OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES,

WE DECLARE:

1. WE WILL STIMULATE HISTORICAL-ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH IN THE COLONIAL PERIODE OF BRAZIL AND THE ATLANTIC REGION
2. WE WILL STIMULATE THE CONSERVATION OF WIC FORTRESSES AND OTHER ARCHITECTURAL CONSTRUCTIONS ERECTED IN THE NETHERLANDS AS WELL AS ON THE COAST OF WEST-AFRICA, LATIN-, AND NORTH-AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN TERRITORIES, INCLUSIVE OF HISTORICAL OBJECTS.
3. TO SUPPORT EACHOTHER IN THE REALISATION OF THESE AIMS
4. DOING SO, WE HOPE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE COMMON HISTORY OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

SIGNED, 1ST MARCH 2002, ILHA DE ITAMARACÁ, PE, BRAZIL

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