



Memorandum of Understanding between CALRE and UNALE

**CALRE (Conference of European Regional Legislative Assemblies)
represented by its President Juan Pablo Durán Sánchez**

Y

**UNALE (National Union of State Legislatures and Legislators)
represented by its President Luciano Nunes**

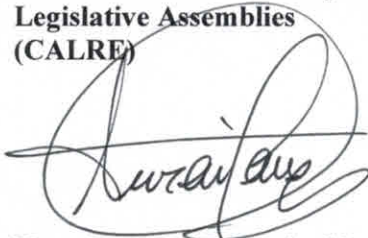
Considering that CALRE and UNALE:

- Recognize the common objective of the legislative chambers in the defense of territories and to be the voice of their fellow citizens and represented in a model of multilevel governance, favoring participation in the drafting of legislation that has an impact on their territories, and by ensuring political dialogue and inter-institutional cooperation between authorities.
- Recognize the importance of strengthening interinstitutional and interparliamentary relations towards a mutual understanding and exchange of experiences, aware of the differences and peculiarities that exist, but from the common objective that unites them in the exercise of territorial legislative power.
- Affirm the opportunity that mutual relations can be a means of promoting cooperation, dialogue and debate in their respective countries and territories.
- Affirm the need to value and ensure the participation of their respective national and sub-national territories to represent through political and institutional processes inspired by federalism and subsidiarity and "bottom-up" cooperation that take account of the uniqueness and the needs of the territories and the communities represented.
- Recognize that both has already recognized themselves as interlocutors with common goals and missions in the past.

Agree to:

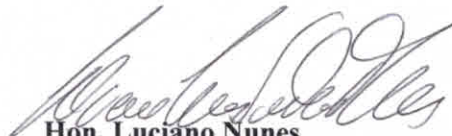
- Officially recognized themselves as principal interlocutors and representatives of the European Regional Assemblies and the National Union of State Legislators and Legislators respectively;
- Strengthen relations between the organizations on issues of common interest, in order to support and defend the role of regional and subnational legislative assemblies; improve the legislative quality of the respective authorities; and reduce the representation gap between institutions and represented;
- Participate actively in institutional and conference events throughout the year, to ensure the exchange of ongoing policies and initiatives in their respective countries, conferences and legislative assemblies represented;
- Undertake a cooperative understanding to share knowledge, experiences, information, ideas, procedures and best practices of governance between Brazil and Europe, in order to convey the political and institutional experience of the respective organizations; the consolidation of multilevel governance systems; allowing a constructive and decisive dialogue for the improvement and growth of institutional and legislative activity;
- The possibility of organizing annual meetings or conferences on topics of mutual interest, which could ensure the importance and impact of the joint work of the two organizations in relation to regional and territorial policies.

**Conference of European Regional
Legislative Assemblies
(CALRE)**



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Hon. Luciano Nunes
President of Unale &
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