***World Indigenous Nations University (WINU)***

*The World Indigenous Nations University (WINU) was proposed in 2011 at the annual WINHEC Executive Board general meeting in Cusco,Peru and approved for establishment at the 2012 WINHEC Executive Board general meeting in Hualien.*

*This Charter document outlines the vision and foundation WINU.*

***Charter.***

***We*** hereby, by our signatures, declare that we will join and support this charter and the vision and the foundation of WINU under the motto

***WINU Sovereign forever – Forever Sovereign:***

***WINU*** is a network for Indigenous higher education and an entity in its own right, founded upon and operating within the sovereignty of Indigenous peoples

***WINU*** is a part of the World Indigenous Nations Higher Education Consortium (WINHEC), founded by its members and operating under the protection of the WINHEC constitution

***WINU*** is aligned both philosophically and pragmatically to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)

***WINU*** exists to build knowledge, understanding and skill for Indigenous peoples across the world from their own Indigenous sovereignty and knowledge positions

***WINU*** aims to address the challenges faced by indigenous peoples across the globe by providing access to a system of higher education that is culturally and professionally astute and alligned to a commitment to advancing Indigenous development through education

***WINU*** will through its networking and the leadership of its accredited WINHEC members, and by the help of WINHEC other members and the assosiated WINHEC Indigenous Graduate Alliance Members, offer joint education courses and programs especially based on the intellectual scholarship, cultural integrity and soveriegnty of Indigenous peoples.

***WINU*** will as a registered higher education entity have its own Charter, its Governance Structure, an Administrative Structure, Operational Guidelines, logo and brand name

 **Signatures.**