

Wielding the power --- bestowed upon us --- as Class Representatives, --- we - took the liberty --- to enter into negotiations --- with each other --- to conclude this Agreement --- known as --- the <u>General Agreement on the Products of WTI, 2020 – also known as (GAP-W)</u>.

## **PREAMBLE**

**We**, the proud alumni of WTI, while deciding to undertake the MILE & the TRAIL programmes had definitely not taken into consideration the adverse effects of a pandemic!

**Recognising** that WTI never failed from giving us special and differential treatment compared to existing programmes in other universities known worldwide,

**Mindful** of the diverse experiences lived by each contracting party,

**Noting** that the curriculum was sometimes challenging, and other times rewarding, enriching, fulfilling, adventurous, fascinating and exceptional,

**Having regard** to the fact that for some of us reaching this MILEstone has not been entirely free of encumbrances such as RETAKES,

**Recognising** the support, guidance and pampering offered by WTI,

**Being desirous** of contributing to the objectives underlying the vision of WTI,

**Resolved** to develop an integrated, more viable, durable and supportive environment encompassing the past products of WTI and all of the future products of WTI,

**Determined** to preserve the basic principles & ideologies, and to set an example for future generations of WTI products,

**Agree** as follows:

# Article I PRODUCTS

In the framework of this Agreement, Products are WTI's graduating class of 2020.

## **Article II**

Most Favoured Product treatment (MFP treatment)

Each contracting party shall accord the Most Favoured Product treatment to other contracting parties. This means any advantage, favour, privilege or immunity granted by any contracting party to another shall be conferred immediately and unconditionally to all other contracting parties.



#### Article III

Inter-National Treatment (INT)

Each contracting party shall accord Inter-National Treatment to other contracting parties. This includes providing treatment no less favourable than that accorded to third parties in like circumstances in respect of the professional lives of each contracting party.

## **Article IV**

Anti-dumping

Each contracting party shall recognise that dumping the other contracting parties is neither beneficial nor desirable. Therefore, each contracting party resolves to support and nurture the other, subject to the provisions of Article V of this Agreement.

#### Article V

**General Exceptions** 

Subject to the requirement that such measures are not applied in a manner that is arbitrary or discriminatory, nothing in this Agreement shall prevent the contracting parties from taking measures that are —

- a) Necessary to protect their respective morals and principles;
- b) Necessary to protect their health and safety; and
- c) Necessary to secure compliance with laws and regulations to which each contracting party may be bound.

## **Article VI**

Dispute Settlement

Unless otherwise provided in this Agreement, this provision applies to any dispute arising between the contracting parties in relation to the application of this Agreement. The disputes, if any, shall be resolved on the basis of equity, good conscience and through amicable dispute settlement mechanisms as listed below:

- a) Good offices,
- b) Mediation, and
- c) Consultations

The outcome of such proceedings shall be binding on the parties.



## **Closing Statement**

We trust that the GAP-W will be accepted by all parties through reverse consensus. And we hope that all contracting parties and other persons of interest will work towards realising the goals and objectives set therein.

This Agreement captures the essence of the individual journeys undertaken by the WTI products – whether it was going one MILE ahead or being a TRAIL-blazer. We are immensely grateful and delighted for having undergone this experience.