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AUB signs MOU with Morocco's Al-Akhawayn University

Beirut, Lebanon- 08/05/2012 – The American University of Beirut signed a five-year memorandum of understanding (MOU) on May 4, 2012 with Al-Akhawayn University in Ifrane, Morocco (AUI) to encourage exchange of students and faculty as well as academic and research collaborations between the two institutions.

Inaugurated in 1995 by the late King Hassan II of Morocco and the late King Fahd of Saudi Arabia, Al Akhawayn University is Morocco's first English-language international university based on the American model. It has 1,700 students from around Morocco and the world. Al-Akhawayn, like AUB, is a member of the Association of American International Colleges and Universities.

The MOU signing took place at the Office of the Provost at AUB between Provost Ahmad Dallal, and Al Akhawayn Vice President for Academic Affairs Ahmed Legrouri, representing his president, Driss Ouaouicha. Also present at the signing were Katherine Yngve and Amy Fishburn, the directors of the Office of International Programs at AUB and Al-Akhawayn, respectively.

The MOU will also encourage the establishment of short-term academic and training programs, including internships; the joint organization of academic meetings, seminars, and workshops; and the development of joint-degree or dual-degree programs.

AUB Provost Dallal said of the MOU: "This agreement is in line with our strategic vision of reaching out to regional partners in order to enhance collaboration and maximize student exchange and campus diversity. We look forward to duplicating such partnerships with other venerable institutions from the region."

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Note to Editors
About AUB
Founded in 1866, the American University of Beirut bases its educational philosophy, standards, and practices on the American liberal arts model of higher education. A teaching-

centered research university, AUB has more than 600 full-time faculty members and a student body of about 8,000 students. AUB currently offers more than 100 programs leading to the bachelor's, master's, MD, and PhD degrees. It provides medical education and training to students from throughout the region at its Medical Center that includes a full service 420-bed hospital.

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