During the 2016/2017 reporting period, Universidade La Salle – Canoas undertook a number of activities that underscore its commitment to UNAI and its principles. The following examples stand out as particularly noteworthy:

I) La Salle University promotes, every year, a Model UN Simulation (La Salle Model United Nations), which engages students in the research and discussion of alternative for contemporary global issues. In June 2017, our students gathered to discuss the following topics: Asymmetric issues in North Africa and Turkey’s entry into the European Union. In doing so, they were able to address principles 5, 6 and 7 of the UNAI program.

II) In August 2017 we also promoted an international seminar on Gender, Sexuality and Human Rights.

This seminar promoted four nights of discussions on specific topics such as LGBTQ+ rights, feminism, and the lives of women in the Brazilian penal system, among others. The event was free and open to the general public, and we gathered around 120 people in the audience every night. In promoting this event, we were able to address UNAI principles 2, 3, 4 and 10.

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III) In November 2017, La Salle University started a program geared towards welcoming and engaging the Haitian migrant population of Canoas (the city in which our university is located).

The program has been providing Portuguese lessons for a class of 30 people, but we intend to further develop the program by also providing civic education classes and legal assistance for this community. This program specifically addresses principles 3 and 4 of the UNAI Program.

IV) In December 2017, the University promoted a national seminar on Education and Human Rights. Several of the Keynote speakers, as well as the panel presenters, explore ideas and proposals on how to implement the principles of the UDHR in educational settings, addressing, thus, the first principle of UNAIIP.

V) Finally, in September 2017 the university engaged our academic community in the preparation for the 70 years of the UDHR by assembling a video recording area and inviting students, professors and anyone who is interested to record a video reading one of the articles of the UDHR. Using a web platform developed by the UN, these videos were later made available on the UN website worldwide.

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