International Conduct Agreement
for MIT Students Traveling Abroad

MIT Policies and Resources
Students are advised that Institute policies apply to them from the time of admission until the time of graduation, including any time spent on Institute-related trips abroad. All students are expected to read and be familiar with the Mind and Hand Book, which contains most of the policies applicable to student life. The Mind and Hand Book is available online at http://studentlife.mit.edu/mindandhandbook. Note that MIT policies apply to you, even if the local laws are more permissive than MIT policy.

U.S. Federal and Country-Specific Laws
MIT expects that students will obey all applicable U.S. federal (e.g., Homeland Security, export controls, etc.) laws and local laws of the destination countries while abroad. Students are advised that laws are often quite different in foreign countries and criminal justice systems abroad often bear little resemblance to the United States criminal justice system. Students should be mindful of the unique restrictions that might be imposed by certain local laws and inherent risks of enforcement in a foreign jurisdiction for any international travel. Simply entering a country means subjecting yourself voluntarily to its laws, even if you do not agree with them.

It is important for MIT students traveling abroad to review country-specific summaries on local laws provided by the U.S. Department of State and other government agencies because ignorance will not be an acceptable excuse for avoiding arrest and legal consequences. Students are expected, at minimum, to consult the following resources for information on the laws of the country being considered for travel:

- United States Department of State Bureau of Consular Affairs (website: travel.state.gov)
- Website of the American Embassy in the country you are proposing to travel
- CIA World Fact Book
- If you are an international student, your home country’s embassy.

The State Department also advises a visit to the consulate or embassy of the country you are considering visiting. Many countries operate consulates in Boston.

Violation
If you are arrested or detained by a foreign government while abroad, the State Department recommends that you contact the nearest American embassy or consulate. All students are advised to read the State Department publication “Arrest or Detention of a U.S. Citizen Abroad,” which is available online at http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/emergencies/arrest.html. This publication explains what the State Department will do, and what they cannot do, in this situation.

If a student violates an MIT policy, American law, or local law while traveling, the Institute expects the student to promptly notify the Office of Student Conduct of the situation. OSC will work with the student to determine appropriate resolution.

Agreement
By signing below, I certify that:

- I have read the MIT Mind and Hand Book and agree to comply with all applicable policies while on this trip.
- I have reviewed the summaries of local laws provided by the U.S. government agencies pertaining to my travel, and agree to comply with those laws while in the destination country.
- I will promptly notify the Office of Student Citizenship if I violate, or any MIT traveler with me violates, any law or MIT policy while traveling abroad.

Signature of Student ________________________________ MITID __________ Date __________

Destination Country(ies): ________________________________