

**Agreement  
On Cooperation in the Field of Science and Technology  
Between the Government of the Republic of Turkey  
and the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan**

The Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan (hereinafter referred to as "Parties"):

- in pursuance of the "Agreement on cooperation in the fields of culture, science, education, health, sport and tourism between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan" signed in Ankara on 19 December 1991 and the "Culture, education and science exchange Protocol for the period of 1992-1993 between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan" signed in Ankara on 19 December 1991,

- having regard to the mutual desire to develop cooperation in the field of science and technology,

- believing that cooperation in the field of science and technology is one of the fundamentals of the relation between the two countries and that it is an important factor with regard to the stability of that relation,

- recognizing the necessity of strengthening this cooperation in a period during which scientific information is rapidly developed and disseminated and scientific research gains an international character,

- wishing to harmonize bilateral cooperation in the field of science and technology especially with the new political, economic and social circumstances related to economic reforms in Uzbekistan and with the process of integration witnessed in various regions of the World,

- have agreed as follows:

**Article 1**

The Parties shall, on the basis of mutual benefit and equilibrium, initiate and develop scientific and technical cooperation in the fields on which they mutually decide.

**Article 2**

The Parties, having in mind their national priorities, existing relations and accumulated experiences in the field of science and technology, shall give special emphasis to develop scientific and technical cooperation in the fields mentioned below:

- basic sciences (mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology, astronomy, etc.),
- information technologies, telecommunications,
- advanced technology materials,
- genetic engineering and biotechnology,
- environmental protection, energy,
- issues concerning protection of intellectual and industrial property rights and patents,
- agriculture processing of agricultural products and animal husbandry,
- construction technologies,
- health sciences.

The Parties shall encourage their respective institutions to conclude specific protocols to conduct direct joint work among themselves, within the framework of this Agreement.

**Article 3**

The Parties shall encourage the development of joint projects which fit into the present and probable future international research programmes.

**Article 4**

Cooperation in the framework of this Agreement may be in the following forms:

- carrying out research and development projects through the reciprocal assignment of research materials and equipment,
- the exchange of scientists and experts on the basis of reciprocity.

- the organization of joint scientific conferences, symposia and workshops,
- the exchange of scientific and technical information and documents,
- the joint establishment and operation of scientific and technical centers and installations in the framework of bilateral protocols based on this Agreement.
- the organization and support of joint fairs and exhibitions to promote technology production in both countries.

Important design and other scientific and technical documents received by the organisations during the period of Agreement shall not be given to other physical and/or juridical persons without the consent of the organisation from which documents are received.

#### Article 5

The Parties shall establish a permanent Joint commission, consisting of four representatives from each Party appointed by the Scientific and Technical Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK) of the Republic of Turkey and the State Committee for Science and Technology of the Republic of Uzbekistan, respectively, which shall:

- work out programmes of mutual interest and solicit joint projects with the encouragement of private sector participation in this framework;
- coordinate and facilitate the development of direct contacts between the implementing organizations.

#### Article 6

In the exchange of delegations of experts and scientists, the sending Party shall cover international travel expenses, while the receiving Party shall cover board and lodging and local transportation expenses.

**Article 7**

This Agreement shall enter into force after the date of last announcement following its approval according to the procedures present in the national legislations of the Parties and will remain in force for a period of five years. The period of validity will automatically be extended for periods of two years, unless one of the Parties gives the other Party notice in writing to terminate this Agreement six months before its expiration date.

**Article 8**

The termination of this Agreement shall not affect to the termination of protocols concluded in cooperation areas based on this Agreement.

DONE in Tashkent on the " 9 " day of July in the year one thousand nine hundred and ninety five, in 2 (two) original copies of which are in Turkish, Uzbek and English languages, all texts being equally authentic.

In case of any divergence of interpretation of this Agreement, the English text shall prevail.

For the Government of the  
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