

**Protocol on the Technical, Scientific and Economic Cooperation in the  
Field of Agriculture Between the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural  
Affairs of the Republic of Turkey and the Ministry of  
Agriculture and Forestry of the Republic of Croatia**

The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs of the Republic of Turkey and the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of the Republic of Croatia/hereinafter collectively referred to as the parties/considering the favourably developing intergovernmental relations aiming to strengthen and expand the cooperation between the two countries and for the development of cooperation in the field of agriculture, food industry, animal husbandry and rural affairs have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

In the fields of agriculture/plant production, plant protection, animal husbandry and breeding, animal health, food industry and rural affairs/both parties agreed on:

- a) Exchange of scientific and technical information and documentation,
- b) Exchange of research results published within respective institutions,
- c) Exchange of genetic and biological material both from plants and animals,
- d) Reciprocal exchange of experts in the fields of interest of both countries,
- e) Organization of training, seminars, conferences and meetings, in either of both countries,
- f) Exchange of information on irrigation and irrigation systems,
- g) Establishment of direct joint activities between the respective institutions,
- h) Encouragement of joint ventures of collaboration between private sector parties for agricultural marketing both the two countries and in other markets.

ARTICLE II

An Agricultural Steering Committee has been formalized by the parties in order to realize the cooperation envisaged in Article I of this Protocol and ensure continuous contacts.

This Agricultural Steering Committee consists of four members including the head of the delegation, which will be at the Deputy Undersecretary level, from each country.

The Agricultural Steering Committee prepares its working plan for the coming period, specifying the tasks to be fulfilled by each parties. The progress achieved during the former period will be evaluated in the minutes of the next session. The Agricultural Steering Committee holds its annual sessions consecutively in Croatia and in Turkey.

ARTICLE III

In order to realize practically the cooperation envisaged in Article I of this Protocol, the parties exchange experts on agreed subjects. Travelling expenses of Agricultural Steering Committee members and experts will be borne by the sending side and internal expenses will be assumed by the hosting country. The receiving side has to be informed about the visits of experts two months prior to their arrival.

ARTICLE IV

This Protocol will enter into force upon signature by the authorized representatives of the parties, and will remain in force for five years from the date of signature, unless sooner terminated by either party upon six months written notice. This Protocol may be modified at any time by the written agreement of the parties and may be renewed for successive five years periods by and exchange of notes.

Done in Zagreb and signed on the 23.09.97 in three original copies in Croatian, Turkish and English language each of them being equally authentic.

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