

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 Tadjikistan

The Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of the Republic of Tadjikistan (hereinafter referred to as "Parties"),

- 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 Tadjikistan 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 the development of 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,
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- agriculture, processing of agricultural products and animal husbandry,
- construction technologies
- health sciences.
- etc.

Mentioning the fields of priority does not limit other areas of cooperation. Fields of priority of cooperation can be increased in number whenever necessary.

ARTICLE 3

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 4

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

ARTICLE 5

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

- carrying out joint scientific 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,
- any other form of cooperation upon which the Parties may agree.

ARTICLE 6

The contents of the important documents received by the related organizations during the validity period of this Agreement shall not be revealed to other persons or organizations without the consent of the organizations from which the documents are received.

ARTICLE 7

The parties shall establish a permanent Joint Commission, consisting of the representatives from each Party appointed reciprocally by the organizations authorized by both Parties for the execution of this Agreement, which shall :

- work out programmes of mutual interest and solicit joint projects with the encouragement of the private sector participation in this framework;

- coordinate and facilitate the development of direct contacts between the implementing organizations.

ARTICLE 8

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 9

This Agreement shall enter into force after the date of the announcement following its approval according to the procedures present in the national legislations of the Parties and will remain in force for 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 10

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

Signed in Dushanbe this tenth day of September of the year Nineteenninetyfive in the duplicate in English and Russian languages, both being equally authentic.

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

For the Government of the
Republic of Turkey

For the Government of the
Republic of Tadzhikistan

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