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and
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AGREEMENT
ON
SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of the United States of America and (hereinafter referred to as the “Parties”),

Realizing that international cooperation in science and technology for peaceful purposes will strengthen the bonds of friendship and understanding between their peoples and will advance the state of science and technology of both countries, as well as mankind;

Believing that enhancement of Turkish-American cooperation on scientific and technological matters will deepen and diversify the friendly relations between the two countries;

Recognizing their common responsibility for contributing to the world’s future prosperity and well being, and desiring to make further efforts to strengthen their respective national research and development policies for peaceful purposes;

Bearing in mind that scientific and technological cooperation is an important requirement for the development of national economies;

Intending to strengthen their economic cooperation through specific and advanced technology applications;

Wishing to establish dynamic and effective international cooperation between organizations and individual scientists in both countries;

Recognizing that cooperative activities would facilitate exchange and diffusion of technologies and sharing of expertise between the countries; and

Taking into consideration in this regard the relevant resolutions of the United Nations main bodies and their specialized agencies;

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

1. The purposes of this Agreement are to strengthen scientific and technological capabilities of the Parties, to broaden and expand relations between the extensive scientific and technological communities of both countries, and to promote scientific and technological cooperation in areas of mutual benefit for peaceful purposes.

2. The principal objectives of this cooperation are to provide opportunities to exchange ideas, information, skills, and technologies for peaceful purposes, and to collaborate on scientific and technological endeavors of mutual interest.

ARTICLE II

Cooperative activities under this Agreement will be conducted in accordance with the applicable laws, regulations, and procedures in both countries and will be subject to the availability of appropriated and other funds and personnel.

ARTICLE III

1. The Parties will encourage cooperation through exchanges of scientific and technological information and knowledge; exchanges of scientists and technical experts; the convening of seminars and meetings; the training of scientists and technical experts; the conduct of joint cooperative research projects; educational exchanges related to science, technology and engineering; the establishment of science-based public-private partnerships; the use of facilities and specific equipment, as appropriate; and other forms of scientific and technological cooperation and technology transfer as may be mutually agreed upon.

2. Cooperation under this Agreement will be based on mutual responsibilities and equitable contributions and benefits, commensurate with the Parties' respective scientific and technological strengths and resources.

3. Priority will be given to collaborations that can advance common goals in scientific research and education, and support partnerships between public and private research institutions and industry. Areas of potential scientific cooperation include, but are not limited to;

- a) earthquake early warning and preparedness,
- b) environmental pollution reduction including exchange of scientific expertise, research technology and hazard mitigation,
- c) climate change, mitigation, and adaptation,
- d) marine and coastal research and water resources, - including exchange of scientific expertise on deepwater research technology,
- e) avian influenza and other infectious diseases,
- f) other mutual priorities in health and biomedical research, bioinformatics and biotechnology,
- g) information and communication technologies, such as e-Government, e-Health, e-Commerce and e-Education,
- h) nanotechnology,

- i) energy including energy efficiency, renewables, and new technologies,
- j) emission reducing technologies,
- k) hydrogen energy and fuel-cell technology,
- l) sustainable management of environmentally protected areas,
- m) space technology,
- n) social sciences and humanities,
- o) waste management,
- p) epidemiology, animal welfare and fishery diseases,
- r) enhanced oil recovery methods, deep sea drilling technologies, treatment of oil field wastewater and clean up oil spills on land and water.

4. This Agreement does not preclude or preempt other forms of cooperation between the Parties under separate arrangements or agreements.

ARTICLE IV

1. The Parties will encourage and facilitate, where appropriate, the development of direct contacts and cooperation between government agencies, universities, research centers, institutions, private sector companies, and other entities of both countries.

2. Government agencies of the Parties may conclude under this Agreement implementing agreements or arrangements, as appropriate, in specific areas of science, technology and engineering. These implementing agreements or arrangements will cover, as appropriate, topics of cooperation, procedures for personnel exchanges or program participants; procedures for transfer and use of materials, equipment and funds, and other relevant issues.

3. In case of any inconsistent or ambiguous provisions in an implementing agreement or arrangement, the provisions of this Agreement will prevail, unless otherwise agreed by written consent of the Parties.

ARTICLE V

Scientists, technical experts, government agencies and institutions of third countries or international organizations may, in appropriate cases, be invited with the consent of both Parties. Parties will participate at their own expense, unless otherwise agreed, in projects and programs being carried out under this Agreement.

ARTICLE VI

1. The Parties agree to consult periodically and at the request of either Party concerning the implementation of this Agreement and the development of their cooperation.

2. a) To this end, the Parties will establish a Joint Committee to coordinate, facilitate, and review cooperative activities under this Agreement, composed of an equal number of representatives designated by the Parties.

b) The Joint Committee will be co-chaired by a designated official of the Department of State of the Government of the United States of America and a designated official of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of the Republic of Turkey.

c) The Joint Committee will meet periodically and at the request of either Party, either by person or through electronic means once a year at least, to discuss common goals and implementation of this Agreement. In-person meetings of the Joint Committee will alternate between Turkey and the United States, or as agreed to by the Parties.

3. Each Party will also designate an Agreement Coordinator to conduct administrative affairs and, as appropriate, to provide oversight and coordination of activities under this Agreement. The Coordinator for the United States of America will be the State Department's Bureau of Ocean Environment and Science, Office of Science and Technology Cooperation. The Coordinator for the Republic of Turkey will be the Ministry of Foreign Affairs's Directorate General for the Americas. The names and the contact information of the Agreement Coordinators will be exchanged through diplomatic channels following the date of the entry into force of this Agreement.

ARTICLE VII

1. Scientific and technological information of a non-proprietary nature resulting from cooperation under this Agreement, other than information that may not be disclosed for national security, legal, commercial or industrial reasons, will be made available, unless otherwise agreed, to the world scientific community through customary channels and in accordance with applicable laws of the Parties and the normal procedures of the participating agencies and entities. No warranty of suitability of information exchanged under this Agreement is implied or given.

2. The treatment of intellectual property created or furnished in the course of cooperative activities under this Agreement is provided for in Annex I, which will apply to all activities conducted under this Agreement unless agreed otherwise by the Parties or their designees in writing.

3. Security obligations for sensitive information or equipment and unclassified export-controlled information or equipment transferred under this Agreement are provided for in Annex II.

4. Annexes I and II are integral parts of this Agreement.