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[ ENGLISH TEXT – TEXTE ANGLAIS ]

**TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN  
THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA AND THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY**

The Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Turkey,  
hereinafter to be referred to as "the Contracting Parties",

- desiring to develop cooperation and to reinforce their bilateral ties of friendship, in conformity with the principles of independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity and non interference in internal affairs,

- confirming their commitment to the principles of the Treaty of Friendship of 3 January, 1925 between the Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Turkey,

- expressing their will to replace for that Treaty a new constructive instrument suited to contemporary needs,

- reaffirming their commitment to the goals, principles and provisions of the United Nations Charter, the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe of 1 August, 1975, and the Charter of Paris for a New Europe of 21 November, 1990 and other documents of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe,

have agreed as follows:

**Article 1**

The Contracting Parties will further develop and expand their relations in various fields on the basis of mutual benefit, confidence and cooperation.

## Article 2

The Contracting Parties, confirming their commitment to European and Transatlantic integration, shall cooperate closely by sharing their experiences in areas of importance to these systems and structures.

The Contracting Parties shall hold regular political consultations between high level officials of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs on the course of their bilateral relations as well as on regional and international matters of interest to both Contracting Parties.

## Article 3

The Contracting Parties shall strive to strengthen security and stability in Europe. To that purpose they shall cooperate in the framework of competent European and Transatlantic organizations and mechanisms of security and confidence building.

The Contracting Parties shall jointly work for the reduction of armaments and armed forces in Europe with a view to eliminating the potential of military aggression.

The Contracting Parties shall act for the purpose of strengthening international mechanisms aimed at non-proliferation and elimination of all weapons of mass destruction and for the purpose of promoting universal adherence to, and full implementation of such mechanisms.

## Article 4

The Contracting Parties shall attach importance to the development of relations between their Parliaments and political parties. Towards this goal the Contracting Parties shall favour establishment of parliamentary friendship groups in their respective Parliaments.

## Article 5

The Contracting Parties shall enhance mutually beneficial economic and commercial cooperation.

The Contracting Parties shall favour cooperation between their businessmen in economic and commercial matters, including joint-venture projects in both countries, as well as in third countries. They shall support the creation of appropriate consultative bodies and promote economic consultations and exchange of information between such bodies, both public and private.

## Article 6

The Contracting Parties are determined to develop and diversify their cultural, educational, scientific and sports cooperation.

The Contracting Parties shall suggest to their respective higher education establishments and organizations of culture, art and sport to collaborate directly with each other.

The Contracting Parties shall promote the exchange of students, scholars, scientists, artists and sportsmen with the purpose of familiarizing them with the culture and traditions of the other country.

The Contracting Parties shall support the exchange of information and experience, including consultations in the scientific and technological fields.

## Article 7

The Contracting Parties shall pay special attention to the cooperation in the training of the experts in the fields of economy, and particularly banking, and shall encourage the exchange of students and interns at all levels in these fields.

## Article 8

The Contracting Parties shall develop cooperation in fields of particular interest for both sides, such as

- transportation and infrastructure,
- public health, with particular emphasis on prevention of diseases,
- environment and nature protection,
- tourism.

## Article 9

The Contracting Parties undertake to make efforts to facilitate the free and wider dissemination of information of all kinds in order to improve cooperation in the fields of press and broadcasting, as well as in the most recent technologies of telecommunication.

## Article 10

The Contracting Parties shall contribute to the development of contacts and cooperation between local administrations in both countries.

The Contracting Parties shall encourage, with this aim the establishment of "sister-city" relations between their cities, towns and villages.

## Article 11

The Contracting Parties desire to establish cooperation also in defence matters. To that end, they shall initiate exchange of information and consultations between the competent authorities in both countries.