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[ENGLISH TEXT – TEXTE ANGLAIS]

**AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN
THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY
AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
CONCERNING PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY**

The Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of the United States of America;

Reaffirming their support for strengthening nuclear non-proliferation measures worldwide;

Mindful of their respective obligations under the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons ("NPT") to which both the Republic of Turkey and the United States of America are parties;

Reaffirming their intention to work closely together and with other states to urge universal adherence to the NPT and full realization of the purposes of the preamble and of all the provisions of the Treaty;

Reaffirming their commitment to ensuring that the international development and use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes are carried out under arrangements which will to the maximum possible extent further the objectives of the NPT;

Recalling and reaffirming their obligation under the NPT, when engaging in nuclear commerce with non-nuclear weapon states, not to render assistance to unsafeguarded activities in such states;

Affirming their support of the objectives of the International Atomic Energy Agency ("IAEA");

Recognizing the indispensable role of the safeguards system of the IAEA in the maintenance of an effective non-proliferation regime;

Confirming their commitment to the strengthening of IAEA safeguards, including their readiness to take such steps as are necessary to allow the Agency to apply safeguards effectively and efficiently and to attain its inspection goal at facilities in their respective jurisdictions;

Recognizing the importance of maintaining effective nuclear material control and accountancy and physical protection in accordance with international standards;

Desiring to cooperate in the development, use and control of peaceful uses of nuclear energy; and

Mindful that peaceful nuclear activities must be undertaken with a view to protecting the environment from radioactive, chemical and thermal contamination;

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1 - DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this Agreement:

(A) "Byproduct material" means any radioactive material (except special nuclear material) yielded in or made radioactive by exposure to the radiation incident to the process of producing or utilizing special nuclear material;

(B) "Component" means a component part of equipment, or other item so designated by agreement of the Parties;

(C) "Conversion" means any of the normal operations in the nuclear fuel cycle, preceding fuel fabrication and excluding enrichment, by which uranium is transformed from one chemical form to another -- for example, from UF₆ to UO₂ or from uranium oxide to metal;

(D) "Decommissioning" means the actions taken at the end of a facility's useful life to retire the facility from service in a manner that provides adequate protection for the health and safety of the decommissioning workers and the general public, and for the environment. These actions can range from closing down the facility and a minimal removal of nuclear material coupled with continuing maintenance and surveillance, to a complete removal of residual radioactivity in excess of levels acceptable for unrestricted use of the facility and its site;

(E) "Equipment" means any reactor, other than one designed or used primarily for the formation of plutonium or uranium 233, or any other item so designated by agreement of the Parties;

(F) "High enriched uranium" means uranium enriched to twenty percent or greater in the isotope 235;

(G) "Low enriched uranium" means uranium enriched to less than twenty percent in the isotope 235;

(H) "Major critical component" means any part or group of parts essential to the operation of a sensitive nuclear facility;

(I) "Material" means source material, special nuclear material, byproduct material, radioisotopes other than byproduct material, moderator material, or any other such substance so designated by agreement of the Parties;

(J) "Moderator material" means heavy water or graphite or beryllium, of a purity suitable for use in a reactor to slow down high velocity neutrons and increase the likelihood of further fission, or any other such material so designated by agreement of the Parties;

(K) "Parties" means the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of the United States of America;

(L) "Peaceful purposes" include the use of information, material, equipment and components in such fields as research, power generation, medicine, agriculture and industry but do not include use in, research on or development of any nuclear explosive device, or any military purpose;

(M) "Person" means any individual or any entity subject to the jurisdiction of either Party but does not include the Parties to this Agreement;

(N) "Reactor" means any apparatus, other than a nuclear weapon or other nuclear explosive device, in which a self-sustaining fission chain reaction is maintained by utilizing uranium, plutonium or thorium or any combination thereof;

(O) "Restricted Data" means all data concerning (1) design, manufacture or utilization of nuclear weapons, (2) the production of special nuclear material, or (3) the use of special nuclear material in the production of energy, but shall not include data of a Party which it has declassified or removed from the category of Restricted Data;

(P) "Sensitive nuclear facility" means any facility designed or used primarily for uranium enrichment, reprocessing of nuclear fuel, heavy water production, or fabrication of nuclear fuel containing plutonium;

(Q) "Sensitive nuclear technology" means any information (including information incorporated in equipment or an important component) which is not in the public domain and which is important to the design, construction, fabrication, operation or maintenance of any sensitive nuclear facility, or other such information which may be so designated by agreement of the Parties;

(R) "Source material" means (1) uranium, thorium, or any other material so designated by agreement of the Parties, or (2) ores containing one or more of the foregoing materials in such concentration as the Parties may agree from time to time;

(S) "Special nuclear material" means (1) plutonium, uranium 233, or uranium enriched in the isotope 235, or (2) any other material so designated by agreement of the Parties.

ARTICLE 2 - SCOPE OF COOPERATION

1. Cooperation between the Parties in the use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes shall be subject to the provisions of this Agreement, and the applicable treaties, laws, regulations and license requirements in force in their respective countries.

2. Transfer of information, material, equipment and components under this Agreement may be undertaken directly between the Parties or through authorized persons. Such transfers shall be subject to this Agreement and to such additional terms and conditions as may be agreed by the Parties.