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**AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA
ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF TOURISM**

PREAMBLE

The Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of the Republic of Uganda hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”

Desiring to strengthen their existing friendly relations;

Recognizing the importance of tourism as an important factor of development of mutual understanding as well as means for further cultivating the ties and understanding between their peoples,

Desiring to improve mutual brotherhood ties between the people of the two countries,

Striving to develop cooperation in tourism in order to promote the goals of sustainable development and to contribute to social and economic development;

The Parties have agreed upon the following;

**ARTICLE 1
Purpose**

The Parties shall promote, develop and increase cooperation in the field of tourism within their respective jurisdiction on the basis of equality and mutual benefit.

**ARTICLE 2
Tourism Investment**

1. The Parties shall encourage, improve and support the efforts and activities of institutions, professionals and other bodies in their countries in the field of tourism, in order to promote mutual entrepreneurship and investment in tourism.
2. The Parties shall inform potential investors about the opportunities in tourism in

both countries.

3. The Parties shall share experiences in financing and building capacities of small and medium sized enterprises in the field of tourism.

ARTICLE 3

Tourism Marketing and Promotion

The Parties shall cooperate for providing technical support to the tourism marketing organizations.

ARTICLE 4

Improving the Quality of Accommodation

1. The Parties shall share experiences in the area of classification and quality control of tourist accommodation facilities.
2. The Parties shall cooperate for utilization of the experiences of vocational training experts, organization of seminars for raising awareness in tourism, improvement and implementation of training programs for personnel of accommodation and food & beverage sectors.

ARTICLE 5

Tourism Research and Development

1. Within the framework of sustainable tourism, the Parties shall cooperate within the framework of a special subtitle, decided unanimously.
2. The Parties shall cooperate for building capacity in the areas of data collection, analysis and dissemination.

ARTICLE 6

Improvement of Rural and Cultural Tourism

1. The Parties shall cooperate for maximizing the benefit of economic development of local people via rural tourism.
2. The Parties shall cooperate for community based tourism projects, cultural and heritage tourism.

ARTICLE 7
Tourism Events and Cultural Exchange

1. Parties shall exchange data on culture and tourism and information on the forthcoming tourism events and festivals to take place in their country.
2. The Parties will support special groups, individual tourists and tourist groups of their country, to participate in music, theatre festivals and also exhibitions, symposiums and congresses in the field of tourism.
3. Mutual workshops about travel industry shall be planned in both countries.
4. Tour operators, journalists, film crews, airline representatives, travel writers, opinion leaders etc. shall be hosted by the Parties to increase mutual tourism demand in both countries.

ARTICLE 8
Expert and Information Exchange

1. The Parties shall organize training programs regarding the related basic proficiency fields like tourism marketing and sustainable tourism development for officers of the two countries. Accommodation and other running expenses of these experts shall be covered by the host country. Educational training and mutual exchange programs shall be organized for the expert staff. Undergraduate and graduate programs on tourism in both countries and share of experience shall be improved. Close cooperation between tourism institutions of the two countries shall be improved.
2. Parties shall share information in the field of tourism as follows :
 - a) Tourism legislation and management organization development strategy,
 - b) Management experiences like hotel management, management of facilities and other institutions contributing to tourism,
 - c) Classification and certification of touristic facilities throughout quality assessment standards, identification of environmental consciousness standards,
 - d) Directing investments in line with innovation and sustainable tourism principles.
3. The Parties shall share information on current or new tourism products, and any new technology both in the domestic and international tourism arena to enhance and promote tourism.

ARTICLE 9
Coordination and Cooperation

The Parties shall coordinate cooperation in the field of tourism between their respective administrations and other related international organizations via mutual counselling. Also the Parties shall improve cooperation within the framework of United Nations World Tourism Organization and other international organizations.

ARTICLE 10
Joint Committee

The Parties agree to establish a joint technical committee for the implementation of this Agreement and prepare necessary programs for the development of tourism relations between the two countries.

The composition of the joint committee and the schedule of meetings shall be agreed upon by the Parties through the diplomatic channel.

ARTICLE 11
The Competent Authorities

The competent authorities responsible for the implementation of this agreement are:

- a) For the Government of the Republic of Turkey, the Ministry of Culture and Tourism;
- b) For the Government of the Republic of Uganda, the Ministry of Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities.

ARTICLE 12
Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of the receipt of the last notification by the Contracting Parties, in writing and through diplomatic channels, of the completion of the respective internal legal procedures necessary to that effect.

ARTICLE 13
Validity and Postponement

1. This Agreement shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years and shall be automatically renewed for successive five year periods unless terminated in terms of sub article two (2).
2. This Agreement may be terminated by either Party giving six (6) months written notice in advance through the diplomatic channel to the other Party of its intention to terminate this Agreement.
3. The termination of this Agreement shall not affect any existing projects established under the terms of this Agreement. Such projects shall continue until completion.