

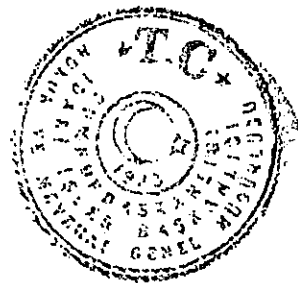
AGREEMENT ON SECURITY COOPERATION

BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TÜRKİYE

AND

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA



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Government of the Republic of Türkiye and The Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina, hereinafter referred to as the "Parties";

DESIRING to promote bilateral co-operation with a view to strengthening and developing the ties of friendship between the Republic of Türkiye and Bosnia and Herzegovina for the wellbeing and stability, in a peaceful environment, of both States, based on the principles of mutual respect and sovereign equality and interests of both Parties;

CONCERNED over the growing number of acts of international terrorism and transnational organized crime;

IN ACCORD WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF effective protection of their citizens and others in their states from terrorism and other crimes;

DESIRING to improve cooperation in this field and reaffirm the importance of international cooperation in the fight against terrorism and organized crime;

RESPECTING domestic laws and international obligations of both Parties;

IN CONSIDERATION OF basic principles set forth in the Charter of the United Nations, as well as the protection of human rights;

RESPECTING the principle of the sovereign equality of States, desiring to further strengthen the ties of friendship between the two Parties; Have agreed as follows:

**ARTICLE 1  
OBLIGATION TO COOPERATE**

The Parties shall cooperate in accordance with their applicable domestic laws and international treaties which they are parties to, in the fight against cross-border crime, in particular terrorism related crime, organized crime, smuggling of migrants, trafficking in human beings, narcotics and psychotropic substances and their precursors, and in the fight against cybercrime.

**ARTICLE 2  
FIELDS OF COOPERATION**

- (1) The Parties shall cooperate, within their capabilities, in the prevention, detection and conducting investigations in the following areas:
- a) Transnational organized crime, including money laundering, cybercrime, smuggling of cultural and natural property;
  - b) Illicit manufacturing and smuggling of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and their precursors;
  - c) Trafficking in human beings and migrant smuggling, irregular migration, trading of organs and tissues;
  - d) Illicit trade in weapons, ammunition, explosives, nuclear, radioactive and toxic substances;
  - e) Forgery of money, passports, visas and other official documents;

- f) Economic / financial crime;
  - g) Exchange of experience in the field of forensic expertise of terrorism offenses and organized crime;
  - h) Exchange of experience in the field of terrorism and crimes related to the terrorism;
  - i) Tobacco products and alcoholic beverage smuggling and commodity smuggling;
  - j) Cybercrimes;
  - k) Money laundering and financing of terrorism through cryptocurrencies;
  - l) Online illegal betting crimes.
- (2) The Parties shall also cooperate in the prevention, countering and suppression of terrorist attacks and terrorist financing in accordance with their applicable domestic laws and international obligations arising from international treaties and United Nations Security Council resolutions. To this end:

- a) The Parties shall take effective measures to prevent the preparation and commission of terrorist acts in their territories against nationals and the security of the other Party.
- b) Cooperation in the fight against terrorism shall include, in particular, cooperation relating to the exchange of information, intelligence and assessments, and operational cooperation on terrorist organizations and their modus operandi, terrorist acts, terrorist financing, affecting the security of the Parties, and techniques and methods used in the prevention, countering and suppression of terrorism.
- c) In combating terrorism, the Parties shall prevent the activities of the visual and written media organs of terrorist organizations and their front institutions operating in their territories against the other Party and the both Parties consider them as terrorist organizations and take appropriate measures in this regard according to their national legislations.
- d) The Parties shall develop and implement effective measures against individuals and institutions providing financial or other support, including shelter, accommodation, training and medical treatment, as well as logistical support to terrorist organizations in their respective territories.
- e) The Parties shall exchange information and experience on methods of preventing and combating terrorism, including issue related to hostage-taking and hijacking, infiltration of radical elements into the non-governmental sector, methods of radicalization and recruitment of individuals and groups for terrorism; conduct mutual studies and training cooperation activities in these areas.
- f) The Parties shall exchange information and experience on weapons, equipment and technical installations used in the fight against terrorism. The Parties shall conduct mutual training for members of counter-terrorism units and fighting against smuggling and organised crime units, and organize professional training, seminars and consultative meetings within the framework of cooperation in the field of analysis of the type, dynamics and forms of terrorism.
- g) The Parties shall cooperate and exchange information gathered by monitoring the movement of technological equipment, all types of weapons and ammunition that could be used to prepare and commit terrorist acts, with the aim of preventing the procuring or developing the production of the above equipment by terrorist organizations.

- (3) This Agreement shall have the purpose to improve cooperation in the field of the law enforcement trainings between the parties. The Parties shall cooperate in scientific and technical sharing of knowledge, organization and conducting of the education programs and exchange of their experiences that have been gained in the field of expertise. The parties may co-operate in the fields of in-service training, basic law enforcement training, certificate programmes as well as undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate programmes. Financial arrangements and conditions of which shall be subject to separate agreement between the Parties.
- (4) Each Party may appoint a liaison officer with the aim of achieving more effective cooperation and coordination of their joint action under this Agreement.
- (5) The Parties, if mutually agreed, can implement short and long term projects for providing support in the fields such as training, technical support and assistance, equipment donations and consultations for the purpose of improving administrative and institutional capacities of law enforcement organizations that are charged with maintaining continuation of peace and order.

### ARTICLE 3 COOPERATION PROCEDURE

Within the framework of cooperation, for the purpose of implementing Article 2 of this Agreement, in accordance with their respective domestic laws, the Parties shall:

- a) come to an agreement in respect of carrying out mutual law enforcement operations in accordance with related domestic laws. As stated in Article 6 of this Agreement the authorities of both sides shall agree on the related operational procedures;
- b) in accordance with applicable domestic laws, take measures to prevent and combat illicit manufacturing and trafficking of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and their precursors;
- c) exchange experiences in the control of the permitted trade in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and their precursors and take measures to prevent abuse in this area. They shall also exchange and analyse information on narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and their precursors, sites and methods of their processing and manufacturing, channels and means used by smugglers, including concealment modalities, as well as on analysis techniques;
- d) exchange operational information for the purposes of identification and detection of persons, items and all kinds of fund associated with the crimes covered by this Agreement;
- e) cooperate in the coordination of measures necessary for the implementation of special investigative techniques and methods such as controlled delivery, undercover investigator, surveillance and recording of telecommunications by technical means;
- f) exchange information on existing migration policies, practices and experiences, as well as on the effects of these practices on irregular migration;
- g) cooperate by exchanging information on the main irregular immigration flows, routes used by irregular migrants, their modus operandi and methods of transport. The Parties may also exchange appropriate risk assessment reports;

- h) cooperate by exchanging information on passports and other travel documents, visas, entry and exit stamps, for the purposes of detection of forged documents;
- i) cooperate in the execution of the request referred to in Article 4 of this Agreement;
- j) cooperate in the organization of mutual trainings and courses through the competent authorities referred to in Article 6 of this Agreement.

**ARTICLE 4**  
**REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE AND ENFORCEMENT**

- (1) Cooperation under this Agreement shall take place on the basis of a request for assistance from the competent authority concerned or at the initiative of a competent authority which considers that such assistance is in the interest of other competent authority.
- (2) The information may be transmitted to other Party without request, if it is reasonably believed that it is of interest to the Party concerned.
- (3) Requests for assistance shall be made in writing. In case of urgency, requests may be made orally, but they shall be confirmed in writing as soon as possible, and no later than within seven (7) days.
- (4) Requests for assistance shall contain:
  - a) The name of the authority of the requesting Party and the name of the authority of the requested Party;
  - b) Detailed information about the case;
  - c) The purpose and reasons for the request;
  - d) Description of the assistance being requested;
  - e) The level of urgency;
  - f) Any other information that may contribute to the effective execution of the request.
- (5) If the execution of a request for assistance or cooperation threatens the sovereignty or security, or is contrary to the laws of the State, international obligations or other important interests of one of the Parties, that Party may refuse to execute the request in whole or in part, or may make the execution of such a request dependant on certain conditions.
- (6) The requested Party shall take all necessary measures to execute the request in the fastest and most complete manner.
- (7) The law of the requested Party shall apply in the execution of a request.
- (8) The requested Party may request additional information from the requesting Party when it appears necessary for the proper execution of the request.
- (9) The requested Party may postpone the execution of the request if its immediate execution would interfere with any ongoing criminal process in its State, or make it subject to established conditions, if necessary in consultation with the requesting Party. If the requesting Party agrees to assistance subject to proposed conditions, it shall comply with such conditions.
- (10) If the national laws of the requested Party do not set another deadline, its competent authority shall notify the requesting Party of the results of the execution of the request within (30) days of receipt of the request.

- (11) In the event of a total or partial refusal of the request for assistance, the requested Party shall notify the requesting Party of the grounds for refusal, except in case of special national interest.

## ARTICLE 5

### LIMITS ON THE USE OF INFORMATION OR DOCUMENTS

- (1) The Parties agree not to use the information or personal data provided under this Agreement for any purposes other than those specifically stated in this Agreement, respecting the human rights of individuals in accordance with applicable domestic laws and international human rights treaties which they are Parties to.
- (2) The exchange of personal data, in particular of confidential information between the Parties, shall be carried out in accordance with the domestic laws of the Parties on data and information, with the same standards of protection applicable to national data.
- (3) In accordance with the purpose of this Agreement, the Parties shall adopt the necessary technical and organizational measures to protect confidential and personal data from accidental or unlawful destruction, accidental loss or disclosure, unauthorized alteration of or access to or any unauthorized processing. In particular, the Parties shall take all necessary measures to ensure that only duly authorized persons have access to personal data.
- (4) The Parties shall not transmit information, documents or technical equipment exchanged under this Agreement to third parties without the prior written consent of the other Party. This principle shall continue to apply after the expiration of this Agreement.
- (5) At the request of the providing Party, the receiving Party shall be obliged to stop using, correct or delete, consistent with its national law, the data received under this Agreement that are incorrect or incomplete or if its collection or further processing contravenes this Agreement or the rules applicable to the supplying Party.
- (6) When a Party that has received information from the other Party under this Agreement finds that it is erroneous, it shall take all appropriate measures to protect against reliance on such information, including in particular addition, deletion or correction of such information.
- (7) Each Party shall notify the other Party if it becomes aware that material information obtained by the other Party or received from the other Party under this Agreement is erroneous or unreliable or may give rise to serious doubt.

## ARTICLE 6

### IMPLEMENTING AUTHORITIES

- (1) The competent authorities responsible for the implementation of this Agreement shall be:
- a) for the Republic of Türkiye: the Ministry of Interior
  - b) for Bosnia and Herzegovina: the Ministry of Security of Bosnia and Herzegovina
- (2) Within (30) days of the entry into force of this Agreement, the Parties shall exchange a list of state offices authorized to maintain direct contacts for the purpose of implementing this Agreement and shall establish appropriate communication channels.

- (3) The Parties shall promptly notify each other of any changes in the list of state offices authorized to maintain direct contacts for the purpose of implementing this Agreement. They shall also notify each other of any change in the way of communication.
- (4) In addition to the above-mentioned authorized offices, the Parties shall cooperate through international and regional organizations, their liaison officers and other experts in the field of crime covered by this Agreement.

**ARTICLE 7  
MEETINGS AND CONSULTATIONS**

- (1) To facilitate the implementation of this Agreement, the representatives of the competent authorities may, as necessary, hold bilateral meetings and consultations to assess the progress made under this Agreement, as well as to analyse and foster cooperation.
- (2) Meetings shall be held alternately in the Republic of Türkiye and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

**ARTICLE 8  
DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

Any dispute concerning the interpretation or application of this Agreement shall be settled amicably and through negotiations between the Parties.

**ARTICLE 9  
RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THIS AGREEMENT AND OTHER  
INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS**

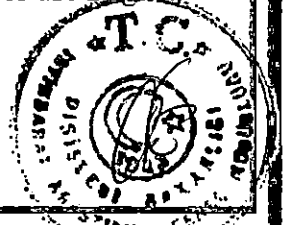
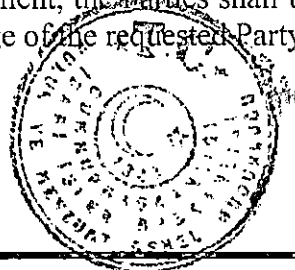
This Agreement shall not prejudice the rights and obligations of the Parties arising from their respective domestic legislation in effect and other international agreements to which they are Parties.

**ARTICLE 10  
COSTS**

- (1) The requesting Party shall cover expenses for processing any request under this Agreement, unless otherwise agreed by Parties.
- (2) Unless otherwise agreed by the Parties, the host Party shall cover expenses for any meeting, whereas the sending Party shall cover international travel expenses of the delegations including connecting flights, accomodation and food expenses.

**ARTICLE 11  
LANGUAGE**

For the purpose of cooperation under this Agreement, the Parties shall use their official languages and attach translations in the official language of the requested Party or use English.



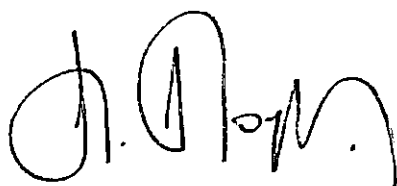
**ARTICLE 12  
FINAL PROVISIONS**

- (1) This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of receipt of the last written notification by which the Parties notify each other through diplomatic channels of the completion of their respective internal legal procedures necessary for its entry into force.
- (2) The Agreement shall remain in force for a period of (5) years. Either Party may, at any time, notify the other Party of its intention to terminate the Agreement, (6) months before its expiration, by sending a diplomatic note. The Agreement shall automatically be renewed for successive one year periods, unless either Party notifies the other Party in writing, through diplomatic channels, (6) months before its expiration, of its intention to terminate the Agreement.
- (3) The termination of this Agreement shall not affect their activities and projects already in progress or executed.
- (4) ~~This Agreement may be amended at any time by mutual written consent of the Parties hereto. Amendments shall enter into force in accordance with the same legal procedures prescribed in paragraph (1) above.~~
- (5) Upon the entry into force of this Agreement, "The Agreement for Cooperation on Combatting International Terrorism, Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances and Organised Crime Between the Government of the Republic of Türkiye and the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina signed on 21 June 2000" shall cease to have effect.

IN WITNESS whereof the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto by the Government of the Republic of Türkiye and the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina, have signed and stamped this Agreement in Sarajevo on 20/09/2022 in two original copies, each in the official languages of Turkish, Bosnia and Herzegovina (Bosnian, Croatian and Serbian) and English, all texts being equally authentic. In case of discrepancy in interpretation, the English version shall prevail.

**FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF  
THE REPUBLIC OF TÜRKİYE**

**FOR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF  
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**



**Süleyman SOYLU  
Minister of Interior**

