

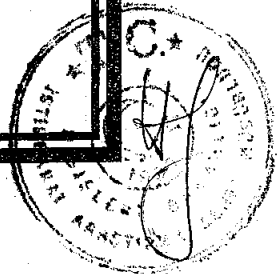
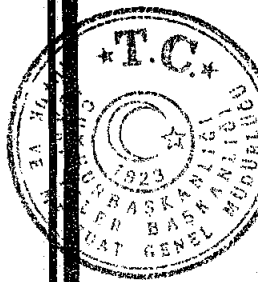
SECURITY COOPERATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALI



The Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of the Republic of Mali hereinafter referred to as "the Parties";

DESIRING to enhance bilateral cooperation in order to strengthen and develop friendly relationships between the Republic of Turkey and the Republic of Mali to promote welfare and stability in a peaceful atmosphere in both States in the framework of the principles of mutual respect of the sovereignty, equality and interest of both Parties;

BEING CONCERNED about the increase of the acts of international terrorism and international organized crime;

RECOGNIZING the need to develop cooperation on technical assistance, training and equipment;

IN ACCORDANCE WITH the principle of protecting their citizens and other persons in their countries efficiently from acts of terrorism and other criminal acts;

CONSIDERING national legislation and international obligations of both Parties;

TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION the basic principles defined in the United Nations Charter as well as the protection of human rights;

RESPECTING the principle of sovereignty and equality of States and WISHING to further strengthen the friendly relations between both Parties;

HAVE AGREED the following:

Article 1 Obligation to cooperate

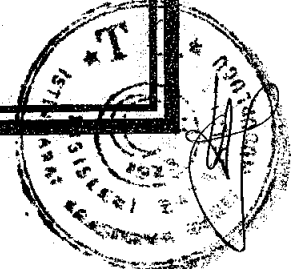
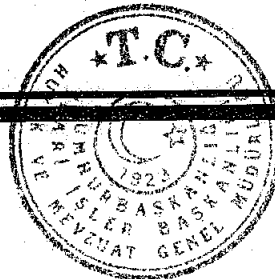
The Parties shall cooperate, in conformity with their national legislation in force and the international treaties to which they are parties, in fighting against transnational crime, in particular against crimes related to terrorism, organized crime, smuggling of migrants, trafficking in human beings, narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and their precursors.

Article 2 Fields of cooperation

1. The Parties shall cooperate, in the framework of their means, in order to prevent, suppress and conduct investigations into crime, including the following crimes:

a) transnational organized crime, including money laundering, cyber crimes, smuggling of cultural and natural properties;

b) illicit production of and trafficking in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and their precursors;



c) trafficking in human beings, smuggling of migrants and illegal immigration;

d) illicit trafficking in weapons, ammunitions, explosives, nuclear, biological, chemical, radioactive and toxic materials;

e) Forgery of money, passports, visa and all kinds of other official documents;

f) Mafia type criminal organizations, smuggling of alcoholic drinks as well as tobacco products and customs smuggling.

1.2. The Parties shall also cooperate to prevent and suppress terrorist acts and financing of terrorism, in conformity with their national legislation in force and their international obligations arising from applicable international treaties and UN Security Council Resolutions in force. In this context:

The Parties shall take efficient measures for preventing the preparation and perpetration of terrorist acts within their territories, against the citizens and the security of the other Party. They shall deliver all kinds of information and documents regarding the terrorist acts in each field upon the request of the other Party.

1.3. The cooperation in combating terrorism shall cover especially cooperation in information, intelligence, assessment sharing and operational cooperation regarding the terrorist organizations and their action methods, financing of terrorism, which are affecting the security of the Parties, and cooperation on the techniques and methods used in combating terrorism.

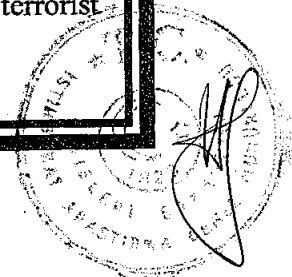
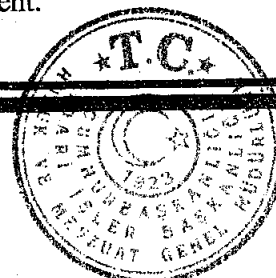
a) In the combating terrorism, the Parties shall prevent the activities of the visual and written media organs of the terrorist organizations and their front institutions operating in their territories against the other Party and the Parties shall consider them as illegal organizations and take appropriate measures in this regard.

b) The Parties shall develop and implement efficient combating measures regarding the persons and institutions providing financial or other support including sheltering, accommodation, training and treatment and logistic support to the terrorist organizations in their territories.

c) The Parties shall exchange information and experience regarding the methods in preventing and combating terrorism including issues of taking hostage and hijacking matters and they shall conduct mutual studies about the mentioned issue.

d) The Parties shall exchange information and experience regarding the weapons, equipment and technical installation used in combating terrorism.

e) The Parties shall cooperate and exchange information by monitoring the movements of the technological equipment, all kinds of weapons and ammunition, which can be used in preparation, and perpetration of the terrorist acts with the aim of preventing the terrorist organization from acquiring the above-mentioned equipment.



2. The Parties may appoint liaison officers to their diplomatic missions as mutually in order to increase the efficiency of interaction and coordination of joint actions within the framework of this Agreement.

3. The Parties may cooperate in the fields of In-Service Trainings, Basic Police Trainings, Bachelor's and Graduate Education and Doctoral Programs.

4. The Parties, provided it has been agreed, may conduct short and long term programs and projects and cooperate for providing support in areas such as training, technical support and assistance, material donation and consultancy, with the aim of building administrative and institutional capacities of the Police Organizations which are entrusted with ensuring peace and tranquility.

5. The Parties shall cooperate and exchange information for strengthening the forensic capacities to fight against crimes more effectively.

Article 3 Cooperation procedures

In the framework of cooperation, for the purpose of implementing Article 2 of this Agreement and in compliance with their national legislation Parties shall:

a) exchange operative information on planned or perpetrated criminal acts and structure, composition, external contacts and modus operandi of criminal organizations in order to prevent and combat transnational crime, terrorist acts and terrorist groups;

b) in conformity with its national laws, agree to carry out joint police operations. The relevant operational procedures shall be agreed upon by the Authorities of both Parties as mentioned in Article 7 of this Agreement;

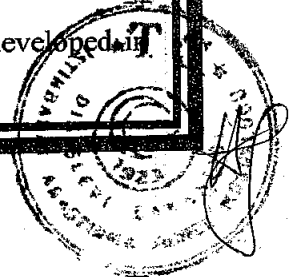
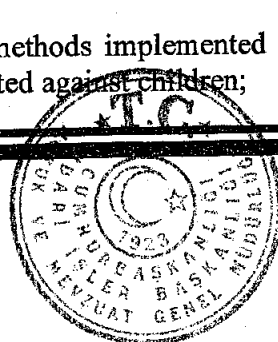
c) take measures to prevent and combat the illicit production of and trafficking in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and their precursors;

d) exchange experiences in the control of legal trade in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and their precursors, and shall prepare regulations to prevent abuses in this field. They shall also exchange and analyze information on, psychotropic substances and their precursors, places and methods of production and manufacturing, channels and means used by smugglers, including concealing modalities, as well as on analysis techniques;

e) exchange operational information in order to identify and detect persons, objects and money related to the crimes covered by this Agreement;

f) cooperate to coordinate the necessary measures for the implementation of special investigative techniques and methods such as controlled deliveries and undercover operations;

g) exchange information on techniques and methods implemented and developed in combating juvenile delinquency and crimes committed against children;



h) exchange information on the current migration policies, practices and experiences, as well as on the effects of these practices on irregular migration;

i) cooperate by exchanging information on the main illegal immigration flows, the routes used by illegal migrants, their *modus operandi* and transportation methods. The Parties may also exchange their relevant risk assessment reports;

j) cooperate by exchanging information on passports and other travel documents, visas as well as entry and exit stamps in order to detect counterfeited documents;

k) cooperate in executing the requests envisaged in Article 4 of this Agreement;

l) take any action, in compliance with their national legislation and other relevant international conventions in force to which they are Parties and in accordance with the purposes of this Agreement;

m) cooperate to organize mutual trainings and courses through their respective Authorities mentioned in Article 7 of this Agreement.

Article 4

Requests for assistance and execution

1. Cooperation in the framework of this Agreement shall take place based on the requests for assistance made by the competent authority concerned or upon initiative of the competent authority, which deems said assistance is of interest to the other competent authority.

2. The information may - without request - be transmitted to the other Party if there are grounds to believe that they are of interest to said Party.

3. Requests for assistance shall be submitted in writing. In case of emergency they may be made orally, but shall be confirmed in writing not later than seven (7) days.

4. Requests for assistance shall contain:

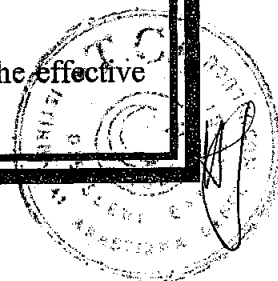
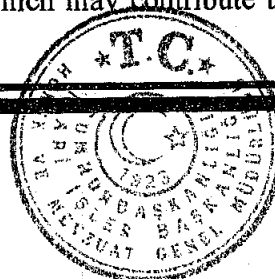
a) the name of the body of the Party which requests assistance and the name of the body of the Party to which a request for assistance has been submitted;

b) detailed information on the case;

c) aim of and reasons for the request;

d) description of the assistance requested;

e) level of urgency and any other information which may contribute to the effective execution of a request.



Article 5
Refusal of the Request

1. If the execution of a request for assistance or a cooperation activity jeopardizes the sovereignty or security or is contrary to national law, international obligations or other essential interests of one of the Parties, that Party may refuse to execute the request wholly or may execute the request subject to certain conditions.

2. The requested Party shall take all the measures necessary to execute the request in the most rapid and complete way as possible.

3. During the execution of a request the law of the requested Party shall apply.

4. The requested Party shall be authorized to request further information to the requesting Party, if deemed necessary for an appropriate execution of the request.

5. If the requested Party considers that the immediate execution of a request may interfere with criminal proceedings started in its Country, requested Party can delay the execution of the request or make it subordinate to the respect of the conditions established as necessary as a result of consultations with the requesting Party. If the requesting Party agrees to provide assistance on the conditions proposed, it shall fulfill them.

6. Unless the national legislation of the requested Party establishes other time limits, its competent authority shall notify the results concerning the execution of the request to the requesting Party within 30(thirty) days from its receipt.

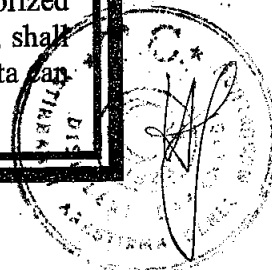
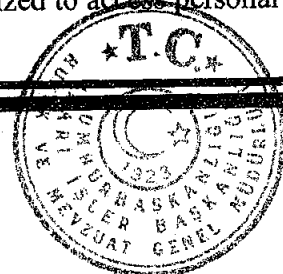
7. In case of total or partial refusal of an assistance request, the requested Party shall notify the reasons for the refusal to the requesting Party.

Article 6
Limits on the use of information and document

1. The Parties agree that the information and personal data transmitted under this Agreement shall be used exclusively for the purposes envisaged by it, while respecting the human rights of individuals in accordance with relevant domestic legislation and human rights treaties to which they are parties.

2. Personal data and, in particular, sensitive information exchanged between the Parties shall be, in conformity with the Parties' domestic law on data and information, protected according to the same standards applying to national data.

3. In compliance with the purposes of this Agreement, Parties shall adopt the necessary technical and organizational measures to protect sensitive and personal data against accidental or unlawful destruction, accidental loss or disclosure, unauthorized alteration or access or any unauthorized form of processing. The Parties, in particular, shall take any necessary measures to ensure that only those authorized to access personal data have access to such data.



4. The Parties, shall not transfer information, document and other materials shared under this Agreement, to the third parties without written consent of the authorities of the requested Party. This obligation shall 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. Where a Party becomes aware that data it has received from the other Party under this Agreement are not accurate, it shall take all appropriate measures to safeguard against erroneous reliance on such data, which shall include in particular supplementation, deletion or correction of such data provided that it shall notify the other party..

7. Each Party shall notify the other if it becomes aware that material data it has provided to the other Party or received from the other Party under this Agreement are inaccurate or unreliable or might give rise to significant doubt.

Article 7

Competent authorities for the implementation of the agreement

1. The competent Authorities for the implementation of this Agreement shall be:

a) for the Party of Turkey : the Ministry of National Defense

b) for the Party of Mali : the Ministry of Security and Civil Protection

2. Within 30 days from the entry into force of this Agreement the Parties shall exchange the list of the national offices authorized to maintain direct contacts in order to implement the provisions of this Agreement and establish the relevant communication channels.

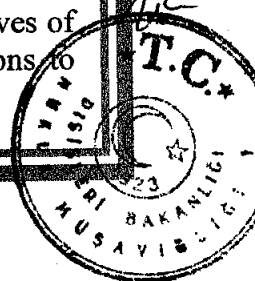
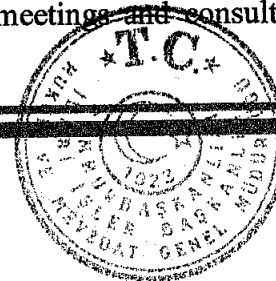
3. The Parties shall immediately notify each other on any changes in the list of the national offices authorized to maintain direct contacts in order to implement the provisions of this Agreement.

4. The Parties, in addition to the above mentioned authorized offices, shall cooperate through international and regional organizations, their respective liaison officers and other experts in the field of crimes that are covered by this Agreement.

Article 8

Meetings and consultations

1. With a view to facilitating implementation of this Agreement the representatives of the competent authorities may, if necessary, hold bilateral meetings and consultations to assess the progress made under this Agreement.



2. Meetings shall take place in Turkey and in Mali, alternately.

Article 9
Settlement of disputes

Possible disputes arising from the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement shall be settled amicably through consultations between the competent Authorities mentioned in Article 7 and negotiations through diplomatic channels.

Article 10
Relations of this agreement with other international treaties

This Agreement shall not prejudice the rights and obligations stemming from other international treaties concluded by the Parties.

Article 11
Expenses

1. Expenses for the processing of a request under this Agreement shall be covered by the requested Party unless otherwise agreed upon by the Parties.

2. Unless otherwise agreed upon, expenses for the meetings shall be covered by the receiving Party whereas international travel expenses of delegates shall be covered by the sending Party.

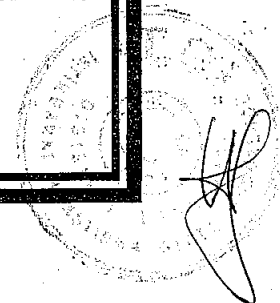
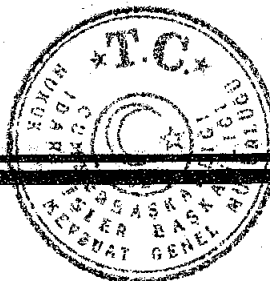
Article 12
Language of cooperation

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

Article 13
Final provisions

1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of the receipt of the last written notification by which the Parties notify each other, through diplomatic channels, of the completion of their internal legal procedures required for its entry into force.

2. This Agreement shall remain in force for a period of 5 years. Any Party may notify the other Party at any time in writing through diplomatic channels of its intention to terminate the Agreement 6 months prior to its expiration. It shall be renewed automatically for successive periods of 1 year, unless one of the Parties notifies the other in writing through diplomatic channels of its intention to terminate the Agreement 6 months prior to its expiration.



3. This Agreement may be amended by mutual written consent of the Contracting Parties at any time. The amendments shall enter into force in accordance with the same legal procedure prescribed under Article 13 paragraph 1 of this Agreement.

4. In case the Agreement is terminated, all activities already started under this Agreement shall be carried out under the terms and conditions thereof.

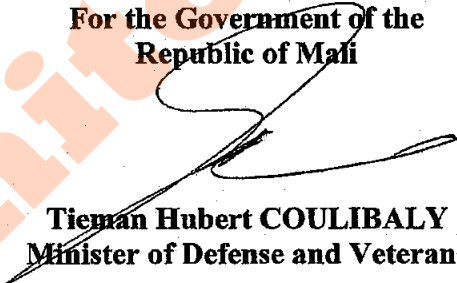
IN WITNESS THEREOF, the undersigned – duly authorized by the Governments – have signed this Agreement on 03/02/2015 in Ankara.

Done in two original copies, each in Turkish, French and English, all texts being equally authentic. In the case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

For the Government of the
Republic of Turkey


İsmet YILMAZ
Minister of National Defense

For the Government of the
Republic of Mali


Tieman Hubert COULIBALY
Minister of Defense and Veterans

