

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN REGARDING THEIR RESPECTIVE DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR PREMISES

The Government of the Republic of Turkey (referred to as the "Turkish party" below) and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran (referred to as the "Iranian party" below) (referred to collectively as the "Parties"), in accordance with the provisions of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations dated 18 April 1961 and the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations dated 24 April 1963,

With reference to the existing friendly relations between the two countries, aiming to establish mutually appropriate conditions for the settlement and activities of diplomatic and consular missions within the framework of the laws and regulations of the two countries,

Have decided as follows:

Paragraph 1

Necessary permissions will be given to the Turkish party, if it intends to carry out extensive repair and renovation of its existing buildings and also to build new buildings, if required by demolishing the existing ones, on the lands of their diplomatic and consular premises, provided that it complies with the domestic laws and regulations.

Paragraph 2

Necessary permissions will be given to the Iranian party, if it intends to carry out extensive repair and renovation of its existing buildings and also to build new buildings, if required by demolishing the existing ones, on the lands of their diplomatic and consular premises, provided that it complies with the domestic laws and regulations.

Paragraph 3

The Parties will formally recognize the rights of diplomatic and consular missions to obtain separate premises for their chancelleries and residences in each other's countries and will provide the maximum convenience necessary to expedite the process.

The Consulates General of the Republic of Turkey in Tabriz, Urumia and Mashhad serve in rented buildings on the date of signature of this MoU. The Turkish party will be allowed to purchase one property to be used as chancellery and one property to be used as Consul General's residence for each of the Consulates General in Tabriz, Urumia and Mashhad.

Paragraph 4

The Consulates General of the Islamic Republic of Iran in İstanbul and Trabzon have the ownerships of the buildings of the chancellery and Consul General's residence, as well as the land of these buildings (one property in each city) on the date of signature of this MoU. The Consulate General of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Erzurum serves in a rented building.

The Iranian party will be allowed to purchase one property to be used as Ambassador's residence in Ankara, one property to be used as Consul General's residence in İstanbul, one property to be used as Consul General's residence in Trabzon, one property to be used as chancellery and one property to be used as Consul General's residence in Erzurum.

Paragraph 5

The Parties will jointly decide on the establishment of new Consulates General in each other's countries, besides the Consulates General stated in this MoU.

The Parties will have the right to own one chancellery and one residence building for the new Consulates General to be opened (to be used as chancellery and residence of the Consul General). The provisions of this MoU will also apply to the new Consulates General.

Paragraph 6

The Parties may, in agreement with each other, build lodging buildings for the personnel working in their Embassies and Consulates General, on the plots of the Chancellery and the Ambassador's and Consul General's residence, provided that they comply with domestic laws and regulations.

Paragraph 7

Without prejudice to their international rights and obligations, the Parties will comply with the public housing and urban planning laws and regulations in force in the Host Country concerning their immovable properties, which they already have or will acquire after signing of this MoU.

Paragraph 8

There is no limitation period for the exercise of the right to acquire any immovable property granted by this MoU to the Parties. The Parties will be able to exercise this right to purchase the immovable property at the most appropriate time for them.

Paragraph 9

The Parties will respond to each other's requests for rent in a constructive manner as soon as possible.

Paragraph 10

In the event that the Sending Party wishes to construct a building covered by this MoU or to refurbish the building that it owns or rents, the Receiving Party in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961 and the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations of 1963 and the domestic laws and regulations will respond to the construction and/or refurbishment requests as soon as possible, facilitate the obtaining of the permits of the construction and/or refurbishment and allow the tax-free import of the material required for the construction and/or refurbishment from any country.

The parties will also facilitate the procedures for the entry and the necessary work permits of the technical personnel to be employed in the construction, refurbishment or repair.

Paragraph 11

Immovable properties purchased or rented by the Parties for their Embassies or Consulates General will be exempted from all national, regional or municipal, etc. taxes and duties, except for the fees and charges paid for special services, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961 and the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations of 1963 and the domestic laws and regulations.

Paragraph 12

Any disputes regarding the implementation or interpretation of this MoU will be resolved by mutual consultations between the Parties through diplomatic channels, without reference to any third party or international institutions.

Paragraph 13

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

Done at Istanbul on 26 Khordad 1399 corresponding to 15 June 2020, in two original copies for each Party in Turkish, Persian and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence of implementation or interpretation, the English text will prevail.

For the Government of the Republic of Turkey **For the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran**

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