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AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TÜRKİYE

AND

**THE UNITED NATIONS REPRESENTED BY THE UNITED NATIONS
HUMAN SETTLEMENTS PROGRAMME
(UN-HABITAT)**

**CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE REGIONAL OFFICE OF
UN- HABITAT IN THE REPUBLIC OF TÜRKİYE FOR EASTERN EUROPE
AND CENTRAL ASIAN COUNTRIES**

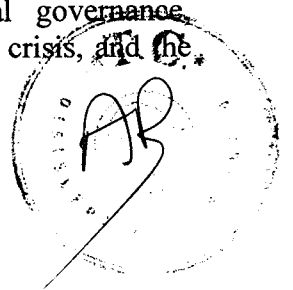
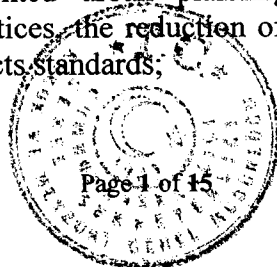
CONSIDERING THAT the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations was adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 13 February 1946, to which Türkiye acceded on 22 August 1950 with reservations.

WHEREAS, the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (hereinafter referred to as “UN-Habitat”), is the coordinating agency within the United Nations System for human settlement activities and, in collaboration with governments, is responsible for promoting and consolidating collaboration with all partners in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), in particular, Goal 11 of “Making cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable”, as well as focal point for the monitoring, evaluation and implementation of the New Urban Agenda adopted during the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III), in Quito, Ecuador, 2016;

WHEREAS, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TÜRKİYE, (hereinafter referred to as the “Government”), is particularly interested in sustainable urbanization and in strengthening cooperation with United Nations agencies, and is willing to implement the recognized principles for the improvement of urban development, the housing conditions, the production of quality and safe public spaces, and the provision of affordable and adequate housing for all;

WHEREAS, the Government intends to make the right and access to decent housing a major lever for industrialization, job creation, human and social development in the Republic of Türkiye, and the region (Eastern Europe and Central Asia);

WHEREAS, it is the willingness of the Government to pursue the provision of disaster resilient urban planning and strategies, promoting smart city policies and strategies, the decentralization of climate oriented urban planning, participatory local governance, promulgation of Zero Waste practices, the reduction of urban disorders and crisis, and the construction of housing that respects standards;





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WHEREAS, the Government intends to institutionalize the representation of UN-Habitat to consolidate the possibilities of triangular, south-south, and international cooperation, and to benefit from the support of the United Nations System for the implementation of public policies, programs, initiatives, and plans to promote sustainable, inclusive, peaceful, and equitable human settlements development;

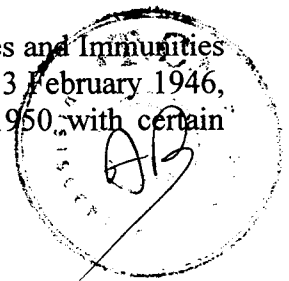
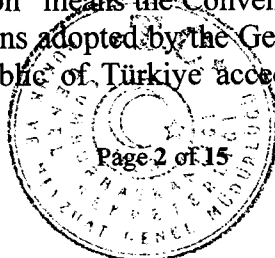
WHEREAS, UN-Habitat and the Government, (hereinafter collectively referred to as “the Parties” and individually a “Party”), held consultations on the establishment of a Regional UN-Habitat Office in the City of Istanbul, in the Republic of Türkiye for Eastern Europe and Central Asian Countries;

WHEREAS, the Parties are desirous to place on record and formalize by means of this Agreement all matters pertaining to the establishment and functioning of the Regional UN-Habitat Office in the Republic of Türkiye for Eastern Europe and Central Asian Countries;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties have entered into this Agreement in a spirit of friendly cooperation:

Article I *Definitions*

1. For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - (a) “Host Country” means the Republic of Türkiye;
 - (b) “Office” means the UN-Habitat Regional Office in the Republic of Türkiye for Eastern Europe and Central Asian Countries;
 - (c) “Head of Office” means the United Nations official who is in charge of the Office;
 - (d) “Officials of the Office” means all UN-Habitat staff members assigned to service the Office, irrespective of nationality, with the exception of those who are locally recruited and paid hourly rates, as provided for in United Nations General Assembly resolution 76 (1) of 7 December 1946;
 - (e) “Experts on Mission” means persons, other than Officials of the Office, performing missions at the request of, or on behalf of, the Office;
 - (f) “Persons Performing Services” means persons, including service contractors, operational experts, volunteers under assignment by the United Nations Volunteers Programme (a United Nations organization) and consultants performing services for the Office;
 - (g) “General Convention” means the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations adopted by the General Assembly on 13 February 1946, to which the Republic of Türkiye acceded on 22 August 1950, with certain





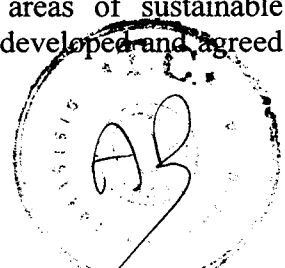
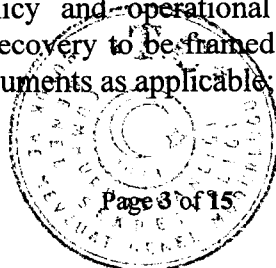
reservations;

- (h) “Competent Authorities” means Host Country's Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change, the Host Country's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, or other relevant authorities under the laws and regulations of the Host Country;
- (i) “Premises of the Office” means the building or part of building occupied permanently or temporarily by the Office, authorized upon the written agreement of the Parties.
- (j) “Archives of the Office” means all records, correspondence, documents, manuscripts, emails, computer records, still and motion pictures, film and sound recordings belonging to or held by the Office in the performance of its functions;
- (k) “Property of the Office” means all property, including funds, income and other assets belonging to the Office or held or administered by the Office in furtherance of the functions of the Office;
- (l) “Secretary-General” means the Secretary-General of the United Nations;
- (m) Telecommunications” means any emission, transmission or reception of written or verbal information, images, sound or information of any nature by wire, radio, satellite, optical, fibre or any other electronic or electromagnetic means; and
- (n) “Dependent Family Members” means the spouse or children under 21 years of age of an Official and children and immediate relatives who are economically dependent on an Official of the Office.

Article II *Establishment of the Office*

1. The Office shall be established in the city of Istanbul, in the Republic of Türkiye, to carry out the functions of providing strategic guidance and representation of UN-Habitat in the Eastern European and Central Asian Countries and in the Republic of Türkiye and to obtain the support of the Government in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the New Urban Agenda and all mandated activities including the following;

- (a) Providing leadership and strategic thinking to identify emerging development challenges and priorities;
- (b) Providing normative/policy and operational support in the areas of sustainable urbanization and urban recovery to be framed within mutually developed and agreed Country Programme Documents as applicable; and





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- (c) Supporting the United Nations Sustainable Development Group on the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks and collaborating with the United Nations development system in joint programming, coordination and partnership building in the Republic of Türkiye and at regional level.

2. The Office shall be provided to UN-Habitat by the Government to host and coordinate all UN-Habitat's ongoing and future initiatives in the Republic of Türkiye, in partnership with Government institutes and other relevant stakeholders such as the Zero Waste Foundation including following:

- (a) The Zero Waste initiative;
- (b) Implementation of UN-Habitat's "Global Urban Monitoring Framework" in cities;
- (c) Monitoring the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and supporting the preparation of national progress reports;
- (d) Smart city strategies, Actions and Implementations;
- (e) Determination of National Urbanization Strategies;
- (f) Establishing disaster-resistant urban planning and strategies;
- (g) Activities to combat Desertification;
- (h) Disaster-Resilience Cities;
- (i) Local climate actions;
- (j) SDGs Cities and Voluntary Local Reviews;
- (k) Urban Recovery in areas affected by the earthquakes;
- (l) Support and collaboration with the Turkish Local Administrations;
- (m) Youth and Ethnosports in collaboration with the World Ethnosport Confederation.

Article III

Juridical Personality

1. The Office shall possess juridical personality in the Republic of Türkiye. It shall have the capacity:

- (a) to contract;
- (b) to acquire and dispose of immovable and movable property;
- (c) to institute legal proceedings.

2. For the purposes of this Agreement, the Office shall be represented by the Head of the Office or his/her designated official.

Purpose and Scope of the Agreement





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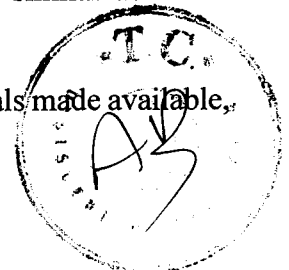
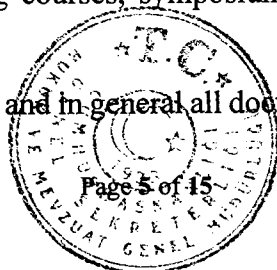
1. This Agreement regulates the status of the Premises of the Office, Officials, Experts on Mission and Persons Performing Services in the Host Country.
2. This Agreement sets out the arrangements necessary for the effective discharge of the functions of the Office. It does not set out the relationship and modalities of assistance rendered by the Office to the Host Country as part of its mandate.

Article V *Application of the General Convention*

The General Convention shall be applicable to the Office, its property, funds and assets, and to its Officials, Experts on Mission and Persons Performing Services in the Host Country, without prejudice to the reservations made by the Host Country to the General Convention.

Article VI *Inviolability of the Office*

1. The Premises of the Office shall be inviolable and its property, funds and assets, wherever located and by whomsoever held, shall be immune from search, requisition, confiscation, expropriation and any other form of interference, whether by executive, administrative, judicial or legislative action.
2. No officer or official of the Host Country or person exercising any public authority within the Host Country, shall enter the Premises of the Office to perform any duties therein except with the consent of, and under the conditions approved by, the Head of Office. In case of a fire or other emergency requiring prompt protective action, the consent of the Head of Office to any necessary entry into the Premises of the Office shall be presumed, if he or she cannot be reached in time.
3. The Premises of the Office can be used for meetings, seminars, exhibitions and other related purposes which are organized by the Office, the United Nations or other related organizations.
4. The Premises of the Office shall not be used in any manner incompatible with the purpose and scope of this Agreement as set forth in Article IV.
5. Any building in the Republic of Türkiye which may be used upon the written agreement of the Parties for meetings, seminars, training courses, symposiums, workshops and similar activities organized by the Office shall be temporarily included in the Premises of the Office and shall be deemed to be covered by this Agreement for the duration of such meetings, training courses, symposiums, workshops and similar activities organized by the Office.
6. The Archives of the Office, and in general all documents and materials made available,





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belonging to or used by it, wherever located in the Host Country, and by whomsoever held, shall be inviolable.

7. The Framework Agreement between the United Nations and the Republic of Türkiye on Arrangements Regarding Privileges and Immunities and Certain Other Matters Concerning United Nations Conferences and Meetings Held in Türkiye dated 23 February 2011, shall be applicable to such activities and the Parties shall enter into ad hoc arrangements regarding organizational, financial, and other matters in relation to each meetings, seminars, exhibitions and similar activities held in Türkiye.

8. The United Nations shall have power to make regulations, operative within the Premises of the Office, for the purpose of establishing therein conditions necessary for the execution of the functions of the Office.

Article VII ***Security and Protection***

1. The Competent Authorities shall ensure the security and protection of the Premises of the Office and exercise due diligence to ensure that the tranquility of the Premises of the Office is not disturbed by the unauthorized entry of persons or groups of persons from outside or by disturbances in its immediate vicinity. If requested by the Head of the Office, the Competent Authorities shall provide necessary security services for the preservation of law and order in the Premises of the Office or in its immediate vicinity, and for the removal of persons therefrom.

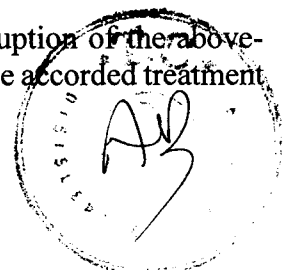
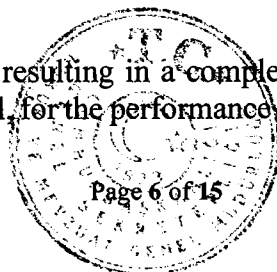
2. The Competent Authorities shall take effective and adequate action which may be required to ensure the appropriate security, safety and protection of persons referred to in this Agreement, in the discharge of their official functions or work for Office, indispensable for the proper functioning of the Office free from interference of any kind.

Article VIII ***Public Services***

1. The Competent Authorities shall facilitate, upon request of the Head of Office and under terms and conditions not less favorable than those accorded by the Government to any accredited diplomatic mission, access to the public services needed by the Office such as, but not limited to, utility, power and communications services.

2. In cases where public services referred to in this Article VIII, paragraph 1, above, are made available to the Office by the Competent Authorities or where the prices thereof are under their control, the rate for such services shall not exceed the lowest comparable rates accorded to accredited diplomatic missions.

3. In case of force majeure, resulting in a complete or partial disruption of the above-mentioned services, the Office shall, for the performance of its functions, be accorded treatment





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not less favourable than that accorded by the Host Country to any diplomatic mission.

4. The provisions of this Article VIII shall not prevent the reasonable application of fire protection or sanitary regulations of the Host Country.

Article IX *Communications Facilities*

1. The Office shall enjoy, for its official communications, treatment not less favorable than that accorded by the Host Country to any other government, including the latter's diplomatic mission, in the matter of priorities, rates and taxes on mails, cables, telegrams, radiograms, telephotos, telephone and other communication and press rates for information to the press and radio.

2. The Government shall secure the inviolability of the official communications of the Office, whatever the means of the communications employed, and shall not apply any censorship to such communications.

3. The Office shall have the right to operate communications and telecommunications equipment including electronic, high frequency radio and satellite facilities, and to use codes and to dispatch and receive correspondence by couriers and bags, which shall have the same immunities and privileges as diplomatic couriers and bags. The bags must bear visibly the United Nations emblem and may contain only documents or articles intended for official use, and the courier shall be provided with a courier certificate issued by the United Nations.

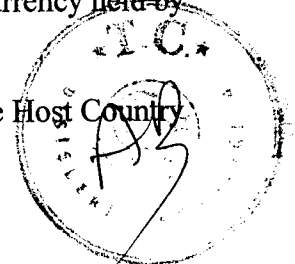
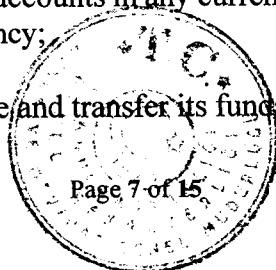
Article X *Property, Funds and Assets*

1. The Office, its property, funds and assets, wherever located and by whomsoever held, shall enjoy immunity from every form of legal process except in so far as in any particular case United Nations has expressly waived its immunity. It is understood, however, that no waiver of immunity shall extend to any measure of execution.

2. The property, funds and assets of the Office shall be exempt from restrictions, regulations, controls and moratoria of any nature.

3. Without being restricted by financial controls, regulations or moratoria of any kind, the Office:

- (a) may hold and use funds, currency or negotiable instruments of any kind and maintain and operate accounts in any currency and convert any currency held by it into any other currency;
- (b) shall be free to receive and transfer its funds or currency from the Host Country





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to another country, or within the Host Country, to the United Nations or any other agency.

Article XI

Exemption from Taxes, Duties, Import or Export Restrictions

1. With respect to its official activities The Office, its assets, property, income, its operations and transactions shall enjoy:

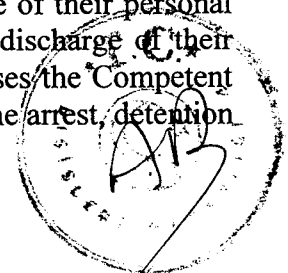
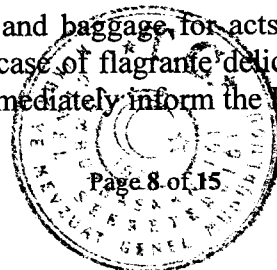
- a) Exemption from all direct taxes including but not limited to income tax, corporate income tax, motor vehicles tax and property tax, as well as indirect taxes, including but not limited to fee, stamp duty, special consumption tax (only related to purchases of goods by the Office from special consumption taxpayers), value added tax, and special communication tax. However, the Office will not claim exemption from rates, taxes or fees which are in fact no more than charges for public utility services rendered by the Competent Authorities or by a corporation under the laws and regulations of the Host Country at a fixed rate according to the amount of services rendered.
- b) Exemption from taxes and customs duties and prohibitions and restrictions on imports and exports in respect of articles imported or exported by the Office for its official use. It is understood, however, that articles imported under such exemption will not be sold in the Host Country into which they were imported except under conditions agreed with the Government of the Host Country.
- c) Exemption from all limitations and restrictions, including taxes and customs duties, on the import or export of publications, still and moving pictures, films, tapes, diskettes, compact disks and other similar media recordings imported, exported or published by the Office within the framework of its official activities.

Article XII

Officials

1. Officials of the Office shall enjoy the following privileges, immunities and facilities in the Host Country:

- (a) Immunity from legal process in respect of words spoken or written and all acts performed by them in their official capacity. Such immunity shall continue in force after termination of employment with the United Nations;
- (b) Immunity from personal arrest or detention and from seizure of their personal and official effects and baggage, for acts performed in the discharge of their functions except in case of flagrante delicto, and in such cases the Competent Authorities shall immediately inform the Head of Office of the arrest, detention

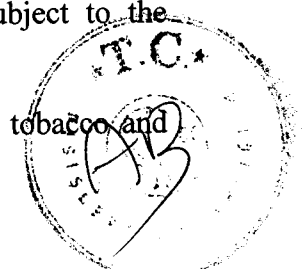
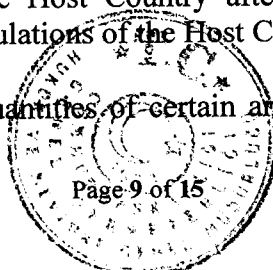




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- or seizure;
- (c) Exemption from any military service obligations or any other obligatory service in the Host Country.
- (d) Exemption from taxation on the salaries and emoluments paid to them by the United Nations; exemption from taxation on all income and property, for themselves and for their Dependent Family Members, in so far as such income derives from sources, or in so far as such property is located outside the Host Country;
- (e) Exemption, for themselves and their Dependent Family Members, from immigration restrictions or alien registration procedures;
- (f) Exemption for themselves for the purpose of official business from any restriction on movement and travel inside the Host Country and a similar exemption for themselves and for their Dependent Family Members for recreation in accordance with arrangements agreed upon between the Head of Office and the Competent Authorities;
- (g) In regard to foreign exchange including holding accounts in either local or foreign currencies, enjoyment of the same facilities as are accorded to members of diplomatic missions accredited to the Host Country;
- (h) The same protection and repatriation facilities with respect to themselves and their Dependent Family Members as are accorded in time of international crisis to diplomatic envoys;
- (i) The right to import for their personal use, free of any duties and all taxes (including value added and special consumption tax), prohibitions and restrictions on imports on the condition that they are not nationals of or permanent residents in the Host Country:
- (i) Within six months of taking up residence in the Host Country, their furniture, household and personnel effects. Such material shall not be put on sale in the domestic market without paying customs duty or any other applicable tax. The Government of the Host Country shall give due consideration to any request for extension or waiver of the six-month period that is substantiated by the Official concerned and supported by the Office;
- (ii) In accordance with existing Government regulations, one motor vehicle at a time. Motor vehicles imported in accordance with this provision may be sold in the Host Country after their importation, subject to the applicable regulations of the Host Country.
- (iii) Reasonable quantities of certain articles including liquor, tobacco, and





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foodstuff, for personal use or consumption and not for gift or sale, in accordance with existing Government regulations;

- (j) Exemption from value added tax, special consumption tax, and other related taxes on the domestic purchase of one motor vehicle, and motor vehicle tax, on the condition that they are not nationals of or permanent residents in Türkiye. Such vehicles shall not be sold in the domestic market without paying any applicable tax.
- (k) The right, on completion of their functions in Türkiye, to export their furniture, house ware and personal effects, including motor vehicles, without duties and taxes.
- (l) For themselves and their Dependent Family Members, on terms not less favorable than citizens of the Host Country, the right of access to universities and other institutions of higher education, in accordance with the applicable entry requirements for such institutions, for the purpose of obtaining graduate and post-graduate degrees and related training leading to the attainment of the relevant educational and professional qualifications required in the Host Country.
- (m) For themselves and their Dependent Family Members the right to use diplomatic channels at the time of travel, including passport check, at airports in the Host Country.

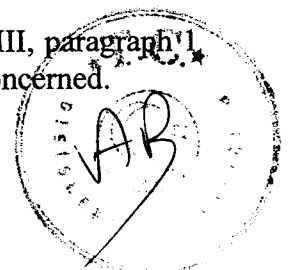
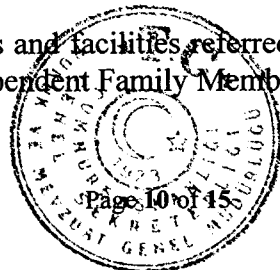
2. Officials of Turkish nationality or permanent residents of in the Host Country shall enjoy, only those privileges and immunities provided for in Article V Section 18 of the General Convention, subject to reservations established by the Host Country to the General Convention.

3. In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 17 of the General Convention, the Competent Authorities shall be periodically informed of the names of the Officials assigned to the Office.

Article XIII *Head of the Office*

1. Without prejudice to the provisions of Article XII of this Agreement, the Head of Office and officials at the P5 level and above shall enjoy during their residence in the Host Country the privileges, immunities and facilities granted to diplomatic envoys in accordance with Section 19 of the General Convention provided they are not nationals or permanent residents of the Host Country. Their names shall be included in the diplomatic list.

2. The privileges, immunities and facilities referred to in this Article XIII, paragraph 1 above shall also be accorded to Dependent Family Members of the Officials concerned.





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3. Officials of Turkish nationality or permanent residents of in the Host Country shall enjoy, only those privileges and immunities provided for in Article V Section 18 of the General Convention, subject to reservations established by the Host Country to the General Convention.

Article XIV *Experts on Mission*

1. Experts on Mission for the Office shall be granted the privileges, immunities and facilities specified in Articles VI and VII of the General Convention.
2. Experts on Mission shall be granted exemption from taxation on the salaries and other emoluments paid to them by the Office, and may be accorded such additional privileges, immunities and facilities as may be agreed upon between the Parties.
3. Experts on Mission of Turkish nationality in the Host Country shall enjoy those privileges and immunities that come within the scope of Articles VI and VII of the General Convention.

Article XV *Persons Performing Services*

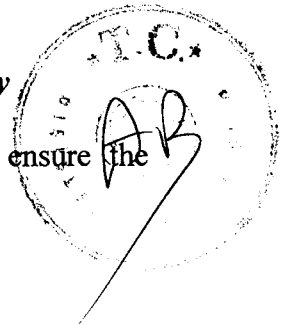
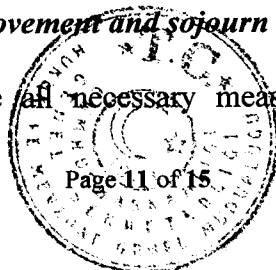
The Government shall grant all Persons Performing Services for the Regional Office immunity from legal process in respect of words spoken or written and acts performed by them in their official capacity for the United Nations, which shall continue to be accorded after termination of their engagement with the Regional Office. Such immunity shall not apply to any act done by such persons outside of the performance of their services for the United Nations. No such status may be granted to nationals or permanent residents of Türkiye in the Host Country.

Article XVI *Waiver of Immunity*

Privileges, immunities, and facilities referred to in Articles XII through XVI of this Agreement are granted to the relevant persons in the interest of the United Nations and not for their personal benefit. The Secretary-General shall have the right and the duty to waive immunity of these persons, in any case where, in the Secretary-General's opinion, the immunity would impede the course of justice and can be waived without prejudice to the interests of the United Nations.

Article XVII *Entry into, exit from, movement and sojourn within the Host Country*

1. The Government shall take all necessary measures to facilitate and ensure the





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unimpeded entry into, exit from, stay and free movement within the Host Country for all persons referred to in Articles XII through XV of this Agreement.

2. The Government shall do its utmost to facilitate the entry into and exit from, stay and free movement within the Host Country for all other persons, including interns, performing official functions, work and activities for, or in connection with, the Office.

Article XVIII

United Nations Laissez-Passer, Certificates and Visas and Residence Permits

1. The Government shall recognize and accept the United Nations laissez-passer issued to Officials as a valid travel document.

2. In accordance with the provisions of Article VII, Section 26 of the General Convention, the Competent Authorities shall recognize and accept the United Nations certificate issued to Experts on Mission and other persons travelling on the business of the United Nations.

3. All persons referred to in this Agreement shall be granted facilities for speedy travel. Visas, entry permits or licenses, where required, and residence permits shall be granted free of charge and fees as promptly as possible to the persons referred to in this Agreement, their Dependent Family Members and other persons invited to the Office in connection with the official work and activities of the Office.

4. The Government further agrees to facilitate the issuance of any required visas to the holders of other United Nations travel certificates.

Article XIX

Identification Cards

1. The Host Country shall issue, in accordance with its rules and regulations, appropriate identification cards to all Officials, Experts on Mission and Persons Performing Services of the Office and their Dependent Family Members.

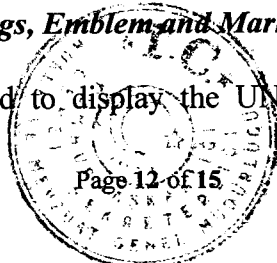
2. Any other persons temporarily assigned to the Office may be granted a temporary assignment note according to the rules and regulations of the Host Country.

3. Upon the demand of an authorized official of the Competent Authorities, persons referred to in this Article XIX, paragraphs 1 and 2 shall be required to present, but not to surrender, their identification cards.

Article XX

Flags, Emblem and Markings

The Office shall be entitled to display the UN-Habitat's flag, logo, emblem and





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markings in the Premises of the Office and on vehicles used for official purposes.

Article XXI
Social Security

1. The United Nations and the Government agree that, owing to the fact that Officials of the United Nations are subject to the United Nations Staff Regulations and Rules, including Article VI thereof, which establish a comprehensive social security scheme, the United Nations and its Officials, irrespective of nationality, shall be exempt from the laws of the Host Country on mandatory coverage and compulsory contributions to the social security schemes of the Republic of Türkiye.

2. The provisions of this Article XXI shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the Dependent Family Members, unless they are employed or self-employed in the Republic of Türkiye or receive social security benefits from the Republic of Türkiye.

Article XXII

Access to the labour market for family members and issuance of visas and residence permits to household employees

1. The Competent authorities shall grant working permits for Dependent Family Members of Officials assigned to the Office whose duty station is in the Host Country. The regulations of the Host Country shall apply in connection to granting of such permits. Insofar as they engage in gainful occupation, other than with the United Nations or any other related United Nations system organization, privileges and immunities shall not apply with respect to such occupation. In case of gainful occupation with the United Nations or any other related United Nations system organization, privileges and immunities stated in the relevant Host Country Agreement shall be applied as appropriate.

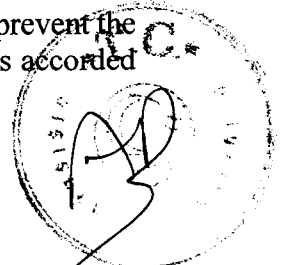
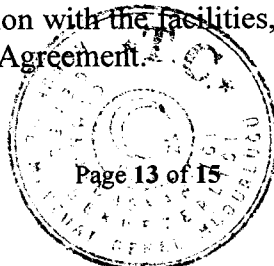
2. The Competent Authorities shall issue visas and residence permits and any other documents, where required, to household employees of Officials as speedily as possible.

Article XXIII

Cooperation with the Competent Authorities

1. Without prejudice to the privileges and immunities accorded by this Agreement, it is the duty of all persons enjoying such privileges, immunities and facilities to respect the laws and regulations of the Host Country, and not to interfere in the internal affairs of the Host Country.

2. Without prejudice to the privileges, immunities and facilities referred to in this Agreement, UN-Habitat shall cooperate at all times with the Competent Authorities to facilitate the proper administration of justice, secure the observance of police regulations and prevent the occurrence of any abuse in connection with the facilities, privileges and immunities accorded to persons referred to in the present Agreement.





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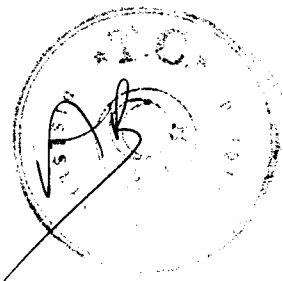
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Article XXIV
Supplemental Agreements

1. Arrangements for an administrative and financial nature concerning the Office shall be made by supplemental agreements, as appropriate.
2. The Parties may enter into any other supplemental agreements as the Parties may deem appropriate.
3. Any another supplemental agreements that the Parties may agree enter into force in accordance with the same legal procedure prescribed under Article XXVI.

Article XXV
Settlement of Disputes

1. UN-Habitat shall make provisions for appropriate modes of settlement for:
 - (a) Disputes arising out of contracts or other disputes of a private law character to which the UN-Habitat, including the Office, is a party;
 - (b) Disputes involving an Official, who by reason of their official position enjoys immunity, if such immunity has not been waived by the Secretary-General.
2. Any dispute concerning the application or interpretation of, arising out of or relating to, this Agreement or any supplemental agreements, shall be settled through consultations and negotiations between the Parties. Any such consultations and negotiations shall be carried out in good faith with a view to ensuring an expeditious settlement of the dispute.
3. Any dispute between the Parties arising out of, or relating to this Agreement, which is not settled by negotiation or another agreed mode of settlement, shall, at the request of either Party, be submitted to a Tribunal of three arbitrators. Each Party shall appoint one arbitrator, and the two arbitrators so appointed shall appoint a third, who shall be the chairperson of the Tribunal. If, within thirty days of the request for arbitration, a Party has not appointed an arbitrator, or if, within fifteen days of the appointment of two arbitrators, the third arbitrator has not been appointed, either Party may request the President of the International Court of Justice to appoint the arbitrator referred to. The Tribunal shall determine its own procedures, provided that any two arbitrators shall constitute a quorum for all purposes, and all decisions shall require the agreement of any two arbitrators. The expenses of the Tribunal shall be borne by the Parties as assessed by the Tribunal. The arbitral award shall contain a statement of the reasons on which it is based and shall be final and binding on the Parties.





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Final Provisions

1. This Agreement may be modified by written agreement between the Parties hereto. Each Party shall give full and sympathetic consideration to any proposal advanced by the other Party under this paragraph and any amendment mutually agreed upon by the Parties as such shall enter into force in accordance with the same legal procedure prescribed under paragraph 4 of this Article XXVI.
2. This Agreement may be terminated by either Party by written notice through diplomatic channels to the other and shall terminate six (6) months after receipt of such notice. Notwithstanding any such notice of termination, this Agreement shall remain in force until complete fulfilment or termination of all obligations entered into by virtue of this Agreement.
3. The obligations assumed by the Government shall survive the termination of this Agreement, to the extent necessary to allow orderly withdrawal of the property, funds and assets of the Office and Officials assigned to it by virtue of this Agreement.
4. This Agreement shall be subject to the signature of both Parties. This Agreement shall enter into force on the first day month following the day The Government of Republic of Türkiye has notified the United Nations that the necessary internal legal procedures required for its entry into force have been fulfilled.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, duly appointed representatives of the Parties, have signed the present Agreement in Istanbul on this 14 day of December 2024 in two original copies in Turkish and English languages, both equally authentic. In the case of a divergence in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

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