

# **AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF QATAR ON COOPERATION IN MILITARY TRAINING, DEFENSE INDUSTRY AND DEPLOYMENT OF THE TURKISH ARMED FORCES IN THE TERRITORY OF QATAR**

The Government of the Republic of Turkey and The Government of the State of Qatar hereinafter referred to as the “Party” or the “Parties”, under the “Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of the State of Qatar on Cooperation in Military Fields of Training, Technique and Science” signed on 23 May 2007; “Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of the State of Qatar on Cooperation in Military Training,” signed on 2 July 2012 and “Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of the State of Qatar on Cooperation in Defense Industry,” signed on 2 July 2012, and emphasizing their desire to develop friendly relations between the Parties and strengthen their cooperation in military field, have agreed as follows:

## **ARTICLE (1) PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Agreement is to establish a mechanism to strengthen cooperation in the fields of military training, defense industry, joint military exercises and the deployment of the forces between the Parties.

## **ARTICLE (2) SCOPE OF APPLICATION**

2.1. The provisions stipulated in this Agreement shall be applied to the equipment and personnel deemed appropriate to be trained and to participate in the training activities and to cooperate in the military units, institutions and organizations of the other Party and who are affiliated with the armed forces of the Party where the cooperation activities shall be conducted.

2.2. When needed and within the bounds of possibility, those provisions shall be applied to the invited personnel of the other Party in accordance with the procedures to be agreed upon.

## **ARTICLE (3) DEFINITIONS**

The terms used in this Agreement shall have the following meanings:

- A. For the Turkish Party : The Government of the Republic of Turkey
- B. For the Qatar Party : The Government of the State of Qatar

- 3.1. "Agreement" means Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of the State of Qatar on Cooperation in Military Training, Defense Industry and Deployment of the Turkish Armed Forces in the Territory of Qatar.
- 3.2. "Sending State" means the State that sends personnel, equipment, aircraft and ships to the Receiving State for the implementation of this Agreement.
- 3.3. "Receiving State" means the State that hosts personnel, equipment, aircraft and ships sent by the Sending State for the implementation of this Agreement.
- 3.4. "Competent Authority" means the relevant competent authorities of the Parties to implement this Agreement on behalf of the Parties.
- 3.5. "Guest Personnel" means the military and civilian personnel that one Party has in the territory of the other Party for the implementation of this Agreement.
- 3.6. "Commander" means the commander commanding the command headquarters or military units and in charge of the activities of the assigned personnel.
- 3.7. "Senior Military Officials" mean the senior officials, highest ranking military officials and the responsible military officials who supervise the activities of the military and civilian personnel, assigned in accordance with the national legislation of the Sending State.
- 3.8. "Military Headquarter" means the location where the military personnel holds office with the official permission of the Receiving Party.

## **ARTICLE (4)**

### **FIELDS OF COOPERATION**

The Republic of Turkey or the State of Qatar shall give permission for the activities related with cooperation on military training and joint military exercises in their respective territories; for the cooperation to be agreed upon by the Parties in any other field as specified below and sending the military equipment and personnel for deployment in the State of Qatar:

- 4.1. Deployment of Turkish Forces in the State of Qatar for the purposes of training and joint exercise.
- 4.2. The Receiving Party permits the Sending State to use for the implementation of this Agreement its ports/airports/airspace; deploy forces on its territory; benefit from its facilities, camps, units, institutions and military facilities.
- 4.3. Ensuring cooperation and bilateral visits between military units and institutions of both Parties.

- 4.4. Holding visits to the ports, airports and military institutions and facilities.
- 4.5. Exchanging delegations between the Parties.
- 4.6. Inviting observers to participate in joint manoeuvres and exercises.
- 4.7. Ensuring participation in military maneuvers and exercises between the Parties.
- 4.8. Exchanging information on improving and developing bilateral maneuvers and military exercises.
- 4.9. Exchanging information for the purpose of military maneuvers and exercises.
- 4.10. Providing training in the fields of military maneuvers and exercises.
- 4.11. Cooperating in the field of military logistics.
- 4.12. Providing humanitarian assistance.
- 4.13. Exchanging personnel and military equipment between the Parties.
- 4.14. Assigning advisory personnel in military institutions and exchanging personnel.
- 4.15. Cooperating in the field of defense industry.
- 4.16. Cooperating in the fight against terrorism.

## **ARTICLE (5)**

### **COOPERATION PROCEDURES**

- 5.1. Cooperation shall be carried out on the basis of reciprocity and mutual interest with due regard to the national legislations of the Parties.
- 5.2. In accordance with this Agreement, special requests of the Receiving State regarding the training and joint exercise shall be submitted according to the arrangements duly agreed on by the Parties.
- 5.3. In the event of exceptional and short exercises or request for training or force deployment, the Parties shall hold consultations and submit an official notification.
- 5.4. Sending State shall notify the Receiving State about the number of the participants, equipment, ship, plane and other information prior to the beginning of the training or maneuver or exercise in the territory of the Receiving State; so that the Receiving State can carry out the procedures.
- 5.5. Bilateral maneuvers, exercises, military trainings and deployment of the forces shall be carried out in accordance with the agreement of both Parties in technical issues.

5.6. The Parties shall assign advisory personnel to the military institutions of the Requesting State and exchange personnel between military institutions under procedures and principles agreed on by their competent authorities.

5.7. The Parties, during the implementation of this Agreement, shall take account of the provisions of “Memorandum of Understanding on Defense Industry Cooperation between the Republic of Turkey and the State of Qatar”, signed in Ankara on 2 July 2012 in solutions regarding the requirements and arrangements that may arise in defense industry products and/or services.

## **ARTICLE (6)**

### **PROTECTION OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION**

The provisions of the “Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of the State of Qatar on Cooperation in Military Fields of Training, Technique and Science signed on 23 May 2007” shall be applied.

## **ARTICLE (7)**

### **COMPLIANCE OF THE AGREEMENT WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS**

The provisions of this Agreement shall not affect obligations of the Parties arising from other bilateral and multilateral international agreements.

## **ARTICLE (8)**

### **LEGAL ISSUES**

The provisions of Articles (9) and (10) of the “Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of the State of Qatar on Cooperation in Military Fields of Training, Technique and Science signed on 23 May 2007” shall be applied.

## **ARTICLE (9)**

### **FINANCIAL PROVISIONS**

The provisions of Article (14) of the “Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of the State of Qatar on Cooperation in Military Fields of Training, Technique and Science”, signed on 23 May 2007 shall apply.

## **ARTICLE (10)**

### **DAMAGE, CLAIM AND COMPENSATIONS**

The provisions of Article (15) of the “Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of the State of Qatar on Cooperation in Military Fields of Training, Technique and Science”, signed on 23 May 2007 shall apply.

## **ARTICLE (11)**

### **TRANSPORTATION**

11.1. The responsibility of transportation between the Sending State and the Receiving State shall belong to the Sending State.

11.2. Transportation services necessary for the execution of activities to be executed in Qatar shall be provided by the Receiving State free of charge.

## **ARTICLE (12)**

### **HEALTH SERVICES**

12.1. The guest personnel shall be suitable in terms of health in order to carry out any activity under this Agreement. The Receiving State may request a medical report notifying that he/she is suitable in terms of health.

12.2. Emergency health and dental health services shall be provided free of charge.

12.3. Examination and treatment service expenses of the guest personnel, except for emergency health and dental care services, shall be covered by a health insurance to be purchased according to the national legislation of the Receiving State or a health insurance which is valid within the scope of international insurance agreements.

12.4. Insurance premiums and treatment service expenses of the guest personnel shall be paid by the Sending State or the guest personnel.

12.5. The guest personnel may benefit from all civil and military health service providers within the scope of this insurance.

12.6. The expenses of return of the guest personnel to their countries because of illness or death and their funeral expenses shall be covered by the Sending State.

12.7. The Parties may send the patients to the other Party if the other Party notifies that it can treat the patients, who cannot be treated within the bound of the possibilities of the Party in question. Transportation and all treatment expenses of these patients shall be covered by the Sending Party or by the patient in accordance with the national legislation of the Receiving State.

## **ARTICLE (13)**

### **SOCIAL ACTIVITIES**

Guest military personnel may benefit from food canteens, military mess halls, shops and military social facilities within the existing capabilities under the laws of Receiving State.

13.1. They may benefit from social facilities in the units, headquarters and institutions, where they serve, on a daily basis.

13.2. They may benefit from social facilities in other headquarters where personnel do not perform their duties with the permission of the Receiving State and in accordance with the current laws on benefitting from such places.

13.3. The guest military personnel residing in the headquarters or military units may benefit from canteens or military mess halls with the permission of the commander of these military units.

## **ARTICLE (14)**

### **CUSTOMS AND PASSPORT PROCEDURES**

The provisions in the Article (16) of the “Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of the State of Qatar on Cooperation in Military Fields of Training, Technique and Science”, signed on 23.05.2007 shall be applied.

## **ARTICLE (15)**

### **SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES**

15.1. Any dispute which may arise during the implementation phase or in interpretation of this Agreement shall be settled through consultations and negotiations between the Parties. They shall not apply to any national or international tribunal or third party.

15.2. Negotiations shall begin within thirty (30) days after the matter of dispute is submitted to the Parties. If the dispute is not settled and no result is obtained within sixty (60) days after beginning of the negotiations, either Party may terminate this Agreement within ninety (90) days with a written notice.

## **ARTICLE (16)**

### **AMENDMENT AND REVIEW**

Either Party may propose by a written notification an amendment or addition to any provision of this Agreement at any time. Negotiations shall begin within thirty (30) days following the receipt of the written notification. If no result is obtained within sixty (60) days, either Party may terminate this Agreement within ninety (90) days with a written notification. If any amendment is made with the consent of the two Parties, the procedures specified in Article (17) of this Agreement regarding entry into force of this Agreement, shall be applied.

## **ARTICLE (17)**

### **RATIFICATION AND ENTRY INTO FORCE**

The Agreement shall enter into force and be deemed valid on the date of receipt of the last written notification by which the Parties notify each other of the completion of all procedures necessary for its entry into force according to their national laws.

**ARTICLE (18)**  
**DURATION AND TERMINATION**

**18.1.** This Agreement shall remain in force for a period of ten (10) years. This period shall start as of the date of entry into force of the Agreement and shall be automatically renewed each year for a period of one year unless terminated by either Party by giving the other Party ninety (90) days' notice in writing of its intention to terminate the Agreement.

**18.2.** If any dispute arises between the Parties regarding the implementation of the Agreement, either Party may demand in writing the initiation of negotiations. Negotiations shall begin within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of written notification. If no solution is reached within sixty (60) days, either of the Parties may terminate this Agreement within ninety (90) days with a written notification.

**18.3.** The termination of this Agreement shall not affect the activities initiated during the implementation of this Agreement, unless the Parties agree otherwise.

**ARTICLE (19)**  
**TEXT AND SIGNATURE**

Done at Ankara on 19 December 2014 in two originals in Turkish, Arabic and English languages, both texts being equally authentic. In case of dispute in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

**ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY**

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