

AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY
AND
THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC
ON COOPERATION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

The Republic of Turkey and the Hellenic Republic, hereinafter called the Parties,

Recognising the importance of science and technology in the development of their national economies, wishing to strengthen and develop scientific and technological co-operation on the basis of equality and mutual benefit, have agreed as follows:

1. Preamble

The Parties shall encourage and support co-operation in the field of science and technology between their affiliated research entities according to the provisions of this Agreement and the existing legislation and regulations of each country. Competent for the implementation of this Agreement are The Scientific and Technical Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK) and The General Secretariat of Research and Technology of Greece, respectively.

2. Forms of Co-operation

The co-operation will have the following forms in particular;

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a. Joint research and development projects, including exchange of research results and exchange of scientists, specialists and researchers,

b. Organising and participating in joint scientific meetings, conferences, symposia, courses, workshops, exhibitions, etc.,

c. Exchange of scientific and technological information and documentation,

d. Joint use of research and development facilities and scientific equipment,

e. Other forms of scientific and technological co-operation which may be mutually agreed upon.

3. Joint Committee

3.1. For the purpose of implementing this Agreement, a Joint Committee, composed of the representatives designated by the two Parties, shall be established. The tasks of the Joint Committee shall be as follows:

a. Identifying the fields of co-operation on the basis of information delivered by institutions of each country and the national policies in science and technology,

b. Creating favourable conditions for the implementation of this Agreement,

c. Facilitating the implementation of joint programmes and projects,

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d. Encouraging exchange of experience arising from the bilateral scientific and technological co-operation and evaluating proposals for its further development.

3.2. The Joint Committee will meet at least once every two years, unless otherwise agreed, alternatively in Turkey and in Greece on mutually convenient dates. If the Joint Committee meetings cannot be realised due to reasons beyond control, evaluation and approval of the proposals can be finalised by written procedure.

3.3. The Joint Committee may elaborate its own rules of procedure.

4. Joint Research and Development Projects

4.1. Project proposals have to provide detailed information on the objectives and justification of the planned joint research work, the methodology to be followed, the composition of each research team and the intended time schedule.

4.2. Project proposals prepared in English using the "Project Proposal Form" should be submitted for evaluation and approval simultaneously to TÜBİTAK and The General Secretariat of Research and Technology. Proposals will be independently evaluated and approved by each of the two Parties, following their own rules and regulations, and only those

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proposals which are approved by both Parties will be supported.

4.3. The execution period of a joint research project supported under this Agreement should not exceed two years. The total duration of visits in one direction during the entire execution period of each project should not be more than three months.

4.4. Each scientific visit has to be reported by the Turkish scientist to TÜBİTAK and by the Greek scientist to The General Secretariat of Research and Technology two weeks in advance. The application must include a brief description of the work to be performed during the planned visit.

4.5. Within a month after completion of a scientific visit, a progress report outlining the work performed during the visit will be submitted to TÜBİTAK and The General Secretariat of Research and Technology. The following visit will not be permitted, unless the progress report for the preceding visit has been submitted.

4.6. Within two months after completion of the execution period, a final report, presenting the work carried out and the results obtained, will be prepared in English jointly by the two research teams and submitted to TÜBİTAK and The General Secretariat of Research and Technology for evaluation and approval.

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5. Expenses

5.1. The costs of exchange of experts, scientists and other specialists, resulting from this Agreement, unless mutually agreed

otherwise, will be covered on the following basis:

a. The sending Party will meet the cost of international travel to the town where the joint work will be executed.

b. The receiving Party will provide the per diem allowance for the visiting scientists. The per diem allowance includes accommodation and living expenses.

5.2. The sending Party will be responsible for the emergency health insurance of its scientists, including medical care.

6. Dissemination of Resulting Information

6.1. Scientific and technological results and any other information derived from the cooperation activities under this Agreement, will be announced, published or commercially exploited with the consent of both co-operation partners and according to the international provisions concerning intellectual property rights.

6.2. Scientists, technical experts and institutions of the third countries or

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international organisations may be invited, upon consent of both co-operating partners, to participate in projects and programmes being carried out under this Agreement. The cost of such participation shall normally be borne by the third countries, unless both sides agree otherwise in writing.

7. Implementation and Legal Aspects

7.1. Any disputes related to the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement shall be settled through consultations within the Joint Committee or between the Parties.

7.2. With respect to the cooperation activities established under this Agreement, each Party shall take, in accordance with its laws and regulations, all necessary measures to ensure the best possible conditions for their implementation.

7.3. This Agreement shall not affect the validity or execution of any obligation arising from other international treaties or agreements concluded by either Party.

8. Entry into Force and Termination

8.1. The present Agreement shall enter into force on the date when the Parties notify each other that the Agreement has been approved in accordance with the legal procedures of each country. The date of last notification is deemed to be the date of coming into force of the Agreement.

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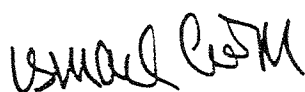
8.2. This Agreement shall remain in force for a period of five years and shall automatically be renewed for further periods of five years, unless either Party notifies in writing its intention to terminate this Agreement.

8.3. The termination will come into effect in six months from the date of the said notification. The termination of this Agreement shall not affect the projects or programmes undertaken under this Agreement and not fully executed at the time of the termination of this Agreement.

Done in duplicate in Athens on the 4th of February 2000 in the Turkish, Greek and English languages. All texts are equally authentic.

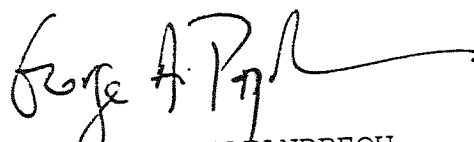
In case of divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

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