

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
THE COOPERATION COUNCIL OF TURKIC SPEAKING STATES
AND THE STATISTICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RESEARCH AND
TRAINING CENTRE FOR ISLAMIC COUNTRIES**

Whereas, the Cooperation Council of Turkic Speaking States (hereinafter referred to as “Turkic Council”), is an international organization whose mission is further deepening comprehensive cooperation among Turkic Speaking States, as well as making joint contributions to peace and stability in the region and in the world.

Whereas, the Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (hereinafter referred to as “SESRIC”), is a subsidiary organ of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), has been mandated to collate, process and disseminate socio-economic statistics and information on and for the utilisation of the member countries; to study and evaluate the economic and social developments in the member countries to help generate proposals that will initiate and enhance co-operation among them; and organise training programmes in selected fields geared to the needs of the member countries as well as to the general objectives of the OIC.

Turkic Council and SESRIC are hereinafter referred to as individually “Party”, or collectively “Parties”.

Whereas the Council of Heads of State of the Turkic Council has underscored at the Turkic Council Summit Meetings, the importance of closer cooperation between the Turkic Council, whose members are also OIC member states, and the OIC.

Whereas the Islamic Summit Conference, following the 13th Islamic Summit of the Heads of State/Government of the OIC Member States held in Istanbul on 14-15 April 2016, welcomed in its Final Communiqué the establishment of cooperation between OIC and the Turkic Council with a view to creating a legal relation in the future.

Whereas, the Parties recognize that, the cooperation between the Turkic Council and SESRIC will contribute to the regional economic integration and achieving sustainable socio-economic development and prosperity in the region.

Whereas, the Parties share similar missions and visions to cooperate in areas of mutual concern to enhance the effectiveness of their development efforts;

Now therefore, the Parties agreed to cooperate as follows:

Article I
Purpose

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to enhance cooperation between Turkic Council and SESRIC and to identify areas of mutual interest with a view to:

- a. Promoting close cooperation and consultation on matters of common interest in order to harmonize their efforts in the discharge of their respective mandates and to contribute to the economic and social development of the Turkic Council Member States and the OIC Member States.
- b. Establishing and maintaining effective, systematic consultation, cooperation, coordination and exchanges of information.

Article II
Areas of Cooperation

Turkic Council and SESRIC shall cooperate in the following areas:

- a. Supporting national and regional efforts to achieve Sustainable Development Goals;
- b. Launching new projects and programmes to build a safe, strong and prosperous community;
- c. Exchanging technical assistance for the purpose of joint research, statistical analysis, capacity building, training and consultation on the issues of common interest;
- d. Conducting studies and scientific research in the fields of socio-economic development, as well as collecting statistical data in the areas that are vital for the preparation of strategic plans for institutional and human capacity building;
- e. Supporting related literature with joint publications such as books, reports, and periodicals;
- f. Sharing with each other all relevant information and documents, including research, statistics, reports and any other information related to the relevant activities;
- g. Supporting the efforts of national institutions by means of organising training programmes, seminars, congresses, conferences, workshops, working group and other activities in order to exchange knowledge and experience;
- h. Enhancing mobility of officers of the two institutions through appropriate mechanisms.

- i. Any other areas that are agreed by the Parties.

Article III Implementation of the MOU

- a. The Parties shall cooperate through exchange of information and best experience in areas set forth in Article II of the present MOU, as well as on other issues of mutual interest;
- b. Upon mutual consent, representatives of the Parties may be invited to participate in meetings within the framework of SESRIC and Turkic Council. The participation of representatives at such meetings will be financed by each Party unless a Party offers to finance the participation of the other Party;
- c. The Parties may organize joint conferences, seminars, workshops and similar events pertaining to the topics of mutual interest, within the limits of the resources available to them;
- d. The Parties shall implement the present MOU according to their respective rules and procedures;
- e. The present MOU does not impose any financial responsibilities on the Parties;
- f. The Parties shall hold regular meetings between their designated focal points, or their representatives, to review the outcomes and issues arising from their cooperation, to agree on priorities and issues for future cooperation and to identify new areas of collaboration;
- g. In the development and implementation of any specific project related to any of the above areas of mutual interest, the Parties may work in conjunction with other partners as appropriate;
- h. The objectives, expected results, commitments and modalities of execution for specific projects to be implemented under the scope of this MOU shall be agreed upon by Turkic Council and SESRIC in specific project documents;
- i. The Parties shall inform each other of all issues that might affect the implementation of this MOU and the activities to be implemented.

ARTICLE IV Entry into force

This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the date it is signed by the

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duly authorized representatives of the two parties.

ARTICLE V
Revision, modification and amendment

This Memorandum of Understanding may be revised, modified or amended by mutual consent of the two parties, provided the party seeking the modification or amendment notifies the other party in writing. The revision, modification or amendment shall come into force once it is approved in writing by the other party.

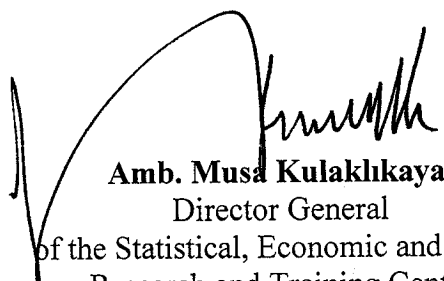
ARTICLE VI
Termination

This Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by either party upon giving notice in writing to the other party. It shall cease to have effect ninety days following the date of the notification. However, after the termination of the MoU, the two parties shall still be bound to honor any outstanding obligations incumbent upon them as provided for this MoU.

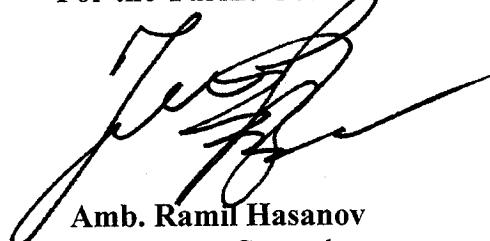
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the duly authorized representatives of Turkic Council and SESRIC have hereby signed this Memorandum of Understanding in two original copies in English, the two texts being equally authentic.

Signed in Istanbul, on 18 April 2016.

For SESRIC


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