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PROTOCOL¹ ON MATTERS PERTAINING TO ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC AND THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY

The Syrian Arab Republic and the Republic of Turkey,

Recalling historic and cultural ties existing between the two countries,

Desirous to add new dimensions to already existing good-neighbourly relations,

Bearing in mind numerous complementarities in the economies of their countries,

Agreed to sign the present Protocol.

Petroleum and Gas

1. The two Parties agreed to continue the contacts and visits on the exploration of Petroleum and Gas and exchange information on these matters.

2. The Syrian Side pointed out that it called for bids to develop natural gas fields in central areas of the Syrian Arab territory and informed the Turkish Side that the tender documents could be obtained from the Syrian Petroleum Company.

3. The Turkish Side informed the Syrian Side that it is ready and willing to purchase gas from Syria in sufficient quantity for its present and future requirements.

The Syrian Side pointed out that, in case there are exportable surpluses, it will examine and negotiate this proposal.

4. The two Parties confirm that they are ready to cooperate in conformity with the principles of service contracts related to Petroleum and gas exploration outside the exploration areas of the Syrian Petroleum Company. The Syrian Side pointed out that it was ready to provide the Turkish Side with data which will enable it to prepare documents in order to formulate the application to carry out exploration in areas selected by the Turkish side.

5. The Turkish Side pointed out that it is ready to lease to the Syrian Side its drilling equipment. The Syrian Side asked the Turkish Side to hand over to it the specifications of the said equipment. The specifications on question were handed over to the Syrian Side. The Syrian Side will examine these specifications and will inform the Turkish if it needs such equipment.

Water

6. During the filling up period of the Ataturk Dam reservoir and until the final allocation of the waters of Euphrates among the three riparian countries, the Turkish Side undertakes to release a yearly average of more than 500 M³/Sec. five hundred cubic meter per second at the Turkish-Syrian borders and in cases where the monthly flow falls below the level of 500 M³/Sec., five hundred cubic meter per second, the Turkish Side agrees to make up the difference during the following month.

¹ Came into force on 17 July 1987 by signature.

7. The two Sides shall work together with the Iraqi Side to allocate the waters of the rivers Euphrates and Tigris in the shortest possible time.

8. The two Sides agreed to expedite the work of the Joint Technical Committee on Regional Waters.

9. The two Parties agreed in principle to construct and operate jointly projects in the lands of both countries on the Euphrates and Tigris rivers for irrigation and power generation provided that the technical and economic feasibility studies of these projects are carried out in cooperation by the experts of the two countries.

10. The Turkish Side explained the details of the “Peace Pipe Line” planned to carry a portion of the waters of the Seyhan and Geyhan rivers in Turkey, through Syria by two pipe-lines, one going to countries of the Gulf and the other to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to supply water for household purposes and limited irrigation for the region.

The Syrian Side agreed in principle to the project and showed interest provided that the Turkish Side carries out its technical and economic feasibility study by an international consultancy firm.

The Syrian Side undertakes to facilitate the feasibility studies pertaining to the Syrian portion of the project.

In case of its positive conclusion, the Syrian Side will enter into negotiations for the final realization of the project.

Electricity

11. The two Sides agreed to continue their cooperation in the field of electrical power exchange at different voltage levels. Both Sides expressed their satisfaction about the steps reached in the project of the connection between Cag-Cag (Nusaybin) and Qamishli at 66 KV. The Turkish Side took note that relevant contract shall be submitted to the competent Syrian authorities for ratification in the shortest possible time. They will continue the studies and negotiations to carry out new connections between the Syrian and Turkish electrical networks at 400-220 KV, 154 KV and 66 KV levels.

Both Sides will take further necessary steps to carry out a feasibility study to connect the two networks at 400 KV in the framework of interconnection of electrical networks with other arab and islamic countries.

Both Sides expressed their willingness to exchange experience in the field of electrical power.

Trade

12. The two Sides reviewed their bilateral trade exchanges, they noticed the development of trade volume between the two countries in the year 1986, compared with the past years, after the signing of the agreed minutes on March 5, 1986, they expressed their mutual desire to develop and expand these exchanges to the best possible level by different suitable ways according to the needs and capabilities of both countries.

The two Sides expressed with respect to the application of afore mentioned agreed minutes, their desire to further promote and diversify their bilateral commercial and economic relations.