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The State Planning Organization of the Republic of Turkey
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Following a mutual interest of cooperation between the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic and the Government of the Republic of Turkey.

With a view to the Importance of development planning as a means to enhance economic, scientific and technical cooperation between the two countries.

Considering the mutual interests of both countries to strengthen relations between their planning bodies and to sustain these relations, the State Planning Commission of the Syrian Arab Republic and the State Planning Organization of the Republic of Turkey hereinafter referred to as contracting parties.

The contracting parties have agreed as follows:

Article 1

Contracting parties have agreed to cooperate in the field of exchanging information, research and planning studies, increasing institutional capacity building in ways of contribution to development work at both countries planning bodies

Article 2

Contracting parties have agreed to cooperate and benefit from training courses and expertise exchange in both countries on, where possible, the following planning levels:

- regional planning .
- strategic planning .
- encouraging Investment .
- economic models .
- Inter regional cooperation .

Article 3

Contracting parties have agreed to exchange visits and convene experts and technical advisors of their respective planning bodies to furnish proposals and recommendations and exchange expertise in planning fields, which are of mutual interest

Article 4

Contracting parties have agreed to focus on the indicative planning studies at national and regional level , concerning technological and economic environment and the impact of international and regional economic changes on development and planning in both countries

Article 5

Contracting parties have agreed to develop and initiate inter regional cooperation programme between two countries. The planning bodies of the respective countries will be managing authorities responsible for programming, coordinating and monitoring as well as designating the implementation bodies at central and regional level.

In both sides, steering and monitoring committees will be established. Representatives of these committees will form a joint steering and monitoring committee for inter regional cooperation programme.

Rules and procedures regarding the implementation of inter regional cooperation programmes will be set up by the joint steering and monitoring committee.

Both sides will share financial burden of inter regional cooperation programmes.