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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF GABON
ON AGRICULTURAL COOPERATION**

The Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of the Republic of Gabon (hereinafter referred to as “Contracting Parties”);

Desiring to strengthen the existing friendly relations between the two countries and enhance cooperation in the field of agriculture;

Recognizing the value of exchanges of experience on sustainable rural and agricultural development;

Pursuant to the prevailing laws and regulations in their respective countries;

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

Objectives

The Contracting Parties shall endeavor to enhance their cooperation in the fields of agriculture and agricultural Technologies in accordance with the applicable legal framework.

ARTICLE 2

Areas of Cooperation

1. Development of agricultural techniques and projects;
2. Exchange of scientific and technical documents in the fields of bovine, sheep and goat breeding; ways and methods of milk production and its marketing.
3. Cooperation in the field of phytosanitary researches, on demand exchange of information on the subjects relating to growing subtropical types of fruit and vegetables.

Conducting joint projects with our Research Institute on climate change, soil-plant nutrition and agricultural irrigation.

5. Preparation of integrated pilot projects for organization and management of agricultural enterprises;
6. Promotion of joint ventures in the field of agriculture between the private sectors of the Contracting Parties;
7. Cooperation on the controlling of aquacultural resources and the management of sources by means of developing common fishing policies,
8. Other related areas that are of interest and mutually agreed upon by the Contracting Parties.

The Contracting Parties agree to cooperate in the following forms:

1. Exchange of information, research, visits, experts, studies and training;
2. Organization of seminars, symposia, exhibitions and conferences;
3. Any other technical form of cooperation as agreed upon by the Contracting Parties.

ARTICLE 3

Executing Authorities

The Executing Authorities for the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding are:

1. The Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Turkey;
2. The Ministry of Agriculture, Breeding, Fishing and Rural Development, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Gabon.

ARTICLE 4

Establishment of Steering Committee

1. The Contracting Parties agreed to establish an Agricultural Steering Committee (hereinafter referred to as "the Committee") to constantly monitor and review the implementation of the schemes and programs of cooperation under this Memorandum of Understanding.
2. The Committee is composed of five (5) duly authorized members per country, including the delegation heads.

3. The Committee shall meet annually or at a time as mutually agreed, alternately in Turkey and Gabon;
4. This Committee shall be responsible for:
 - Analyzing the implementation of the cooperation programs as mutually agreed upon;
 - Submitting proposals on the sustainable development and improvement of cooperation forms;
 - Recommending to the relevant authorities the appropriate ways for overcoming difficulties that may impede the commitment of both Contracting Parties.

ARTICLE 5

Expenses

The international travel expenses of the Steering Committee members shall be borne by the Sending Party, while all the travel expenses shall be assumed by the Host Contracting Party.

The Host Contracting Party shall be informed of the intended visits at least two (2) months prior to the date of arrival of the delegation.

ARTICLE 6

Settlement of Divergence

Any divergence arising out of the interpretation or implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be settled amicably through consultation or negotiation between the Contracting Parties.

ARTICLE 7

Implementation-Duration- Denunciation

This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter in to force one (1) month after the last written notification by which the Contracting parties notify each other, through diplomatic channels, of the completion of their integral legal procedures required for the entry into force of this Memorandum of Understanding.

This Memorandum of Understanding shall be concluded for a period of five (5) years by mutual consent of the Contracting Parties and shall be extended automatically for a similar period, unless one of the Contracting Parties notifies the other of its intention to terminate the Memorandum of Understanding six (6) months prior to its expiration.

ARTICLE 8

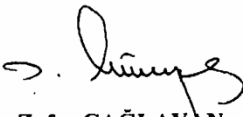
Amendments

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended by mutual consent of the Contracting Parties at any time. The amendments shall enter into force in accordance with the legal procedure prescribed under the article 7 and form an integral part of this Memorandum of Understanding.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this Memorandum of Understanding.

Done in Libreville on January 7th 2013, in three original copies in, Turkish, French and English, all three texts being equally authentic.

**ON BEHALF OF
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