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et  
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**Accord entre le Gouvernement de la République turque et le Gouvernement de la République islamique d'Iran relatif à la coopération dans la lutte contre le trafic de stupéfiants, le crime organisé et le terrorisme. Istanbul, 14 août 2008**

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**AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION  
BETWEEN  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY  
AND  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN  
IN COMBATING DRUG SMUGGLING, ORGANIZED CRIME AND TERRORISM**

The Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, hereinafter referred to as the “Contracting Parties” taking into consideration

- the existing amicable relationship between two countries,
- the importance of the development of bilateral and international cooperation in the field of security as well as on the fight against international organized crime,
- 1340), “Convention against Psychotropic Substances” of 1971 (Hagirah-Shemsi 1349), “the United mutual interests of two countries for ensuring their national security and the peace and welfare of the two nations,
- the necessity of development of the co-operation in combating terrorism, organized crime, drug smuggling and smuggling of synthetics, psychotropic substances and basic chemical substances used in their production, and especially, “Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs” of 1961 (Hagirah-Shemsi calendar Nations Convention Against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances” of 1988 (Hagirah-Shemsi 1367) and legal documents signed by Contracting Parties in the field of Security Co-operation,

Based on the respect of the mutual national sovereignty rights, territorial integrity, and respect for national laws and rules and principle of mutual co-operation; non intervention in the internal affairs of each other, protecting the two countries’ nationals’ rights and boundary agreements between two countries, especially complying with the “Contract for the Safety of the Border District and the Settlement of the Disputes and Incidents in the Same District” of 1937 (Hagirah-Shemsi 1316), they agreed as follows:

**ARTICLE 1  
SUBJECTS AND FIELDS OF COOPERATION**

The Contracting Parties shall co-operate in the issues below:

- 1- Combating of each party against organizing supply, preparation, propaganda and any other activities of various groups, criminals and terrorist organizations which threaten the national security and sovereignty of the other side in their own territories,
- 2- Preventing and combating international organized crime, terrorism and the other crimes mentioned in this agreement,

3- Combating illegal production and smuggling of firearms, ammunitions, explosives, nuclear, radioactive, biological and chemical materials as well as weapons of mass destruction,

4- Combating illegal supplying, production, storage, distribution, transportation, exchange, abuse and smuggling of narcotic drugs, synthetics and chemical substances, psychotropic drugs and basic chemicals used in their production,

5- The prevention of addiction within the framework of decisions, principles and rules of the related international conventions,

6- Establishing the necessary coordination for elimination of narcotics and psychotropic drug production as well as the sources of production,

7- Combating smuggling of commercial goods, items and cultural and historical works of art and rare natural assets such as plants and animal species which are in danger of extinction or under conservation programs. The index of the groups stated in this paragraph will be updated as needed and exchanged by the joint working group mentioned in the 8<sup>th</sup> article of this agreement.

8- Combating and prevention of the forgery in official documents, seals, travel documents, money, credit cards and other documents of value,

9- Prevention and combating illegal economic activities such as laundering of proceeds acquired through crime, corruption, fraud and making use of the proceeds considered illegal by the domestic laws and acts of the Contracting Parties,

10- Combating cyber crimes in accordance with the national legislations of the Contracting Parties.

11-Carrying out activities for the prevention of the financing of terrorism; development and application of effective combating strategies by the security authorities of the two countries against individuals and institutions providing logistic or financial support like quartering, training and treatment of them,

12- Combating human trafficking, especially abuse of women and children,

13- Combating illegal immigration and migrant smuggling in accordance with their national legislation of The Contracting Parties.

## **ARTICLE 2 COOPERATION METHODS**

Each Party upon request or on their own initiative will take the following steps to execute the subjects mentioned in the first article of this agreement:

1- Providing the information to the other Contracting Party on groups and individuals engaged in international necessary or transnational organized crime,

2- Exchanging information on combating international and transnational organized crime and prevention methods of these crimes,

3- Exchanging intelligence on equipment and activities of terrorist groups identified by the Parties,

4- Exchanging information on legislation stipulating the prevention and combating of the crimes mentioned in this agreement,

5- Exchanging intelligence and experience on controlling border crossings,

6- Exchanging information on the new types of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and the basic chemicals used in the production of them and the routes of narcotics smuggling,

7- Exchanging information on nationals of the other Party who committed crime and were detained in their own territory by each Party,

8- Exchanging experience on the control of foreigners or stateless individuals who illegally cross one of the two Party's border and reside in the other Party's territory without a residence permit.

9- Exchanging scientific publications and research results on various security branches interesting both Parties and conducting joint scientific researches on detection of crimes,

10- Exchanging experience on the utilization of technical devices and animals (e.g. dogs) in operations against narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances,

11- Exchanging experience on the organizing, method and training of fighter units in the other fields related to this agreement,

12- The visit of the experts of each of the Parties to the centers producing security devices and equipment of the other Party,

13- Exchanging experts on combating organized crime such as smuggling of drugs, firearms and ammunition, human trafficking, immigrant smuggling, terrorist activities and for developing bilateral cooperation on all security matters mentioned in this agreement,

14- Exchanging police academy cadets, experts, lecturers and arranging training programs so that they may receive training on new scientific detection techniques and methods of crimes within the framework of the approval of the competent authorities in their own countries upon the request of each Party,

15- Exchanging information on security operations in order to identify and arrest the agents and all the elements associated with the drug networks (narcotic drugs, firearms, human smuggling etc.) existing in both present in both countries.

16- Exchanging information on methods human and immigrant smuggling and routes, illegal migration routes as well as on illegal immigrants and migrant smugglers,

17- Coordination and exchange of information between operational forces to carry out operations by the Parties in order to get more effective results in the field of counterterrorism.

### **ARTICLE 3 COUNTER TERRORISM**

The Parties shall cooperate fully in order to combat terrorist activities. In conformity with the aim of this Agreement, "Terrorist activities" are the acts deemed as crime pursuant to the national legislation of the two governments and the international documents concluded by the Parties and committed in order to coerce and pressure the government and governmental organizations by using or threatening to use violence to intimidate or terrorize the public or to obtain political or economic privileges. In line with the application of this agreement the following acts will be especially regarded as terrorist activities;

1- Use of violence or threat of use of violence against individuals, civilian and military targets for the purpose of intimidating public or a certain segment of the public or to obtain privileges from the government.

2- All forms of assaults against the physical integrity of the persons which would cause death or severe bodily harm as well as all forms of hostage taking as defined in the UN Convention Against the Taking of Hostages of 1979.

3- Illegal possession, transportation, smuggling, procurement or use of firearms, explosives, nuclear, radioactive, biological or chemical weapons as well as research and development works on chemical weapons,

4- All kinds of acts against national security or territorial integrity resorting to violence or threat of violence.

5- All the crimes provided for by the 1963 Tokyo Convention concerning the combat against hijacking, any act against security of civil aviation or the airports in the service of civil aviation and the offences committed on the plane in accordance with the 1971 Montreal Convention with regards to combating the illegal seizure of the control of the airplanes,

6- All acts against persons enjoying international immunity provided for by the 1973 Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons, Including Diplomatic Agents.

7- Damaging governmental or public installations, transportation systems, and infrastructure, including information technology systems, fixed platforms in continental shelf, public or private property, resulting in threats to human life or irreparable material losses,

8- Deliberately releasing dangerous substances, causing fire, explosion or flood in a manner which can endanger human life,

9- Deliberately intervening in the supply of water, electricity or other vital natural resources to the extent of endangering human life,