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

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

Desiring to enhance the existing amicable relations between the two countries through the development of cooperation in the field of agriculture,

Within the framework of the prevailing laws and regulations in their respective countries;

Have agreed as follows:

**ARTICLE 1
OBJECTIVES**

The objective of the Memorandum of Understanding is to promote and encourage economic, scientific and technical cooperation in the field of agriculture among economic, scientific, technical, training units and other organizations in agriculture.

**ARTICLE 2
AREAS AND FORM OF COOPERATION**

The Contracting Parties shall develop cooperation in the following areas:

- a) Technical cooperation in the field of plant production, seed production and aquaculture, and the mutual training of the staff,
- b) Exchange of the research results of the Contracting Parties published in the related research institutions.
- c) Exchange of materials of plant and animal origin,
- d) Exchange of information and experts in the fields of animal diseases, veterinary and public health,
- e) Organization of training programs, seminars, conferences and meetings in both countries,
- f) Establishment of joint studies among the related research institutions of the Contracting Parties,

- g) Promoting the establishment of cooperation and joint investments among private sector enterprises on agriculture and agricultural products both in the Contracting Parties and in other markets.

ARTICLE 3

EXECUTIVE AUTHORITIES

The Executive Authorities responsible for the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding are:

The Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Turkey; and,

The Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Benin.

ARTICLE 4

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE

1. The Contracting Parties agree to establish an Agricultural Steering Committee (hereinafter referred to as "the Committee") to monitor and review the implementation of the cooperation under this Memorandum of Understanding.
2. The Committee consists of 5 members from each country including the delegation heads on the level of Deputy Undersecretary.
3. The Committee shall meet annually or at a time as mutually agreed, alternately in Turkey and the Republic of Benin;
4. This Committee shall be responsible for:
 - Analyzing the implementation of the cooperation programs as mutually agreed upon;
 - Submitting proposals on the further development and improvement of cooperation forms;
 - Recommending possible solutions to overcome difficulties arising from the cooperation activities.

**ARTICLE 5
EXPENSES**

The Contracting Parties shall exchange experts on matters mutually agreed upon by the Parties in order to realize the cooperation stated in Article 2 of this Memorandum of Understanding. The international travel expenses of the Steering Committee members and experts shall be borne by the sending Party, whereas the local expenses shall be assumed by the receiving country.

The receiving country shall be informed of the intended visits at least two months prior to the date of arrival.

**ARTICLE 6
SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES**

Any dispute or differences 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
AMENDMENTS**

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended by mutual written consent of the Contracting Parties.

Such amendments shall be made through following the same legal procedure specified in Article 8 of the Memorandum and shall be an integral part of this Memorandum.

**ARTICLE 8
ENTRY INTO FORCE, DURATION AND TERMINATION**

This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the date of the last written notification by which the Parties notify each other through diplomatic channels, of the completion of their internal legal procedures required for the entry into force of the Memorandum of Understanding.

This Memorandum of Understanding shall remain into force for a period of at least five years from the date of its entry into force and shall be extended automatically for successive periods of five years, unless one of the Contracting Parties notifies the other in writing through diplomatic

channels of its intention to terminate the Memorandum of Understanding at least 6 months prior to its expiration.

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

Done in Ankara on 07 / 09 /2012 in original copies in Turkish, French and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

On Behalf of the
Government of the Republic of
Turkey



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On Behalf of the
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Benin



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Minister of Foreign Affairs, African Integration,
Francophonie and Beninese of Diaspora.