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**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF SOMALIA ON
COOPERATION IN THE FIELDS OF HEALTH AND MEDICAL SCIENCES**

The Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of the Federal Republic of Somalia (hereinafter referred to as the “Parties”),

Guided by the willingness to enhance the cooperation between the two countries in the fields of health care and medical sciences,

Recognizing that this cooperation will contribute to the improvement of the health of their people,

Agree as follows:

**ARTICLE 1
Objective**

The Parties, based on the principles of equality and reciprocity, in conformity with their mutual benefits and in accordance with their national legislation, shall promote cooperation in the fields of health and medical sciences.

**ARTICLE 2
Areas of Cooperation**

The Parties shall cooperate and strengthen by mutual agreement in the fields of health and medical sciences in the following areas:

- a) Strengthening healthcare systems,
- b) Fighting against communicable diseases and vaccination activities,
- c) Improvement of maternal-child health and reduction of the maternal-child mortality rate,
- d) Health education,
- e) Environmental health,
- f) Mental health services,
- g) Medicine, pharmaceuticals and medical devices,
- h) Management of emergency health services and management of health services in disasters.

ARTICLE 3

Cooperation methods

The Parties shall cooperate by mutual agreement in the fields of health and medical sciences by the following methods:

- a) Exchange of information and experiences,
- b) Exchange of delegations, experts and health personnel,
- c) Short-term training of health personnel (especially in the field of new medical technologies),
- d) Making joint working projects,
- e) Providing cooperation between related health institutions,
- f) Encouraging the participation of specialists at congress, conferences, symposium and other scientific meetings to be organized by either of the Parties.

ARTICLE 4

Joint Working Committee

The Parties will set up a Joint Working Committee aimed to work and organize the details of cooperation between the parties.

The Committee will meet at least once a year; review the concrete cooperation activities and programmes in accordance with the procedures acknowledged by the Parties; follow up the implementation of these programmes.

ARTICLE 5

Patient Treatment

The Ministry of Health of the Republic of Turkey shall provide free treatment each year for 250 patients who cannot be treated in Somalia.

The selection of the patients shall be made by the Ministry of Human Development and Public Services of the Federal Republic of Somalia and Turkish Embassy in Somalia and will be finalized by the approval of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Turkey

ARTICLE 6
Construction and Operation of Health Facilities

The Republic of Turkey may establish and/or operate health facilities in Somalia. The matters related to the operation of the facilities shall be determined by the Parties. The Turkish citizen health personnel who will work in the said facilities in Somalia shall work subject to Turkish Law.

ARTICLE 7
Implementing Authorities

The Ministry of Health of the Republic of Turkey and the Ministry of Human Development and Public Services of the Federal Republic of Somalia shall provide for the implementation of this Agreement.

The implementation fields and conditions of the cooperation envisaged by this Agreement, will be determined by Action Plans and Implementation Programmes to be prepared in periods and numbers as deemed necessary by the Parties.

ARTICLE 8
Financial arrangements

For visits of experts and other personnel of both countries within the framework of this Agreement:

- a) The Sending Party will pay travel costs to and from the Host Country;
- b) The Hosting Party will cover board, lodging and domestic travel (if necessary) expenses of the visitors.

This period shall not be longer than two weeks.

ARTICLE 9
Settlement of Disputes

Any dispute arising out of the interpretation or application of this Agreement shall be settled amicably by negotiations or consultations by the Parties through diplomatic channels.