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HOST COUNTRY AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY

AND

**THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS
HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES**

WHEREAS the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees was established by the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 319 (IV) of 3 December 1949;

WHEREAS the Statute of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in its resolution 428 (V) of 14 December 1950, provides, inter alia, that the High Commissioner, acting under the authority of the General Assembly, shall assume the function of providing international protection, under the auspices of the United Nations, to refugees who fall within the scope of the Statute and of seeking permanent solutions for the problem of refugees by assisting governments and, subject to the approval of the governments concerned, private organizations to facilitate the voluntary repatriation of such refugees, or their assimilation within new national communities;

WHEREAS the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, a subsidiary organ established by the General Assembly pursuant to Article 22 of the Charter of the United Nations, is an integral part of the United Nations whose status, privileges and immunities are governed by the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations, adopted by the General Assembly on 13 February 1946;

RECALLING that the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the Government of Turkey wish to establish the terms and conditions under which the Office, within its mandate, shall be represented within the Republic of Turkey;

WHEREAS the Government agrees to grant the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (hereinafter referred to as "UNHCR") all the necessary privileges, immunities, exemptions and facilities to enable it to perform its function;

RECALLING that the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations adopted by the General Assembly on 13 February 1946 and to which Turkey acceded on 22 August 1950, shall apply to UNHCR, its premises, funds and assets as well as to its personnel and their official activities in the Republic of Turkey;

NOW, THEREFORE the Government of the Republic of Turkey and UNHCR hereinafter collectively referred to as "the Parties" and each as a "Party", have entered into this Agreement in a spirit of friendly co-operation:

Article 1
Definitions

For the purposes of this Agreement,

- (a) “Host Country” means Turkey;
- (b) “Head of the UNHCR Office” means the official who is in charge of the UNHCR Office in the Host Country;
- (c) “Experts on Mission” means persons, other than officials of UNHCR, performing missions at the request of or on behalf of UNHCR;
- (d) “Officials of UNHCR” means all United Nations staff members assigned to service with UNHCR irrespective of nationality, with the exception of those who are locally recruited and paid hourly rates, as provided for in the United Nations General Assembly resolution 76(1) of 7 December 1946;
- (e) “persons performing services” means contractors, consultants and individuals under assignment by the United Nations Volunteers Programme (a United Nations Organization), performing services in the execution of UNHCR functions;
- (f) “the General Convention” means the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations adopted by the General Assembly on 13 February 1946, to which the Host Country is a Party;
- (g) “competent authorities” means such national or local governmental authorities under the laws and regulations of the Host Country;
- (h) “Premises of UNHCR” means the building or part of building occupied permanently or temporarily by UNHCR or by meetings convened in the Host Country by UNHCR, and as defined in any supplemental agreements to this Agreement, including any other land, buildings or platforms that may from time to time be included, temporarily or permanently, in accordance with this Agreement or by supplemental agreements entered into with the Government;
- (i) “archives of UNHCR” means all records, correspondence, documents, manuscripts, computer records, still and motion pictures, film and sound recordings, belonging to or held by UNHCR in furtherance to its functions;
- (j) “property of UNHCR” means all property, including funds, income and other assets belonging to UNHCR or held or administered by UNHCR in furtherance of the functions of UNHCR;
- (k) “the Secretary-General” means the Secretary-General of the United Nations;

(l) “UNV” means an individual under assignment by the United Nations Volunteers Programme (a United Nations Organization), as referred to in (e) above;

(m) “Framework Agreement” means the Framework Agreement between the United Nations and the Republic of Turkey on Arrangements Regarding Privileges and Immunities and Certain Other Matters Concerning United Nations Conferences and Meetings Held in Turkey (dated 23 February 2011).

Article II Establishment of the UNHCR Office

The UNHCR Office shall be established in Ankara, Turkey, and UNHCR may designate the UNHCR Office in the Host Country to serve as a Regional/Area Office. The Country Office may be authorized to establish field offices in cities other than Ankara upon written consent of the Government. Such a field office shall be considered as part of the Country Office and enjoy the same status as provided under this Agreement.

Article III Juridical Personality

1. UNHCR shall possess juridical personality in the Host Country. It shall have the capacity:

- (a) to contract;
- (b) to acquire and dispose of immovable and movable property;
- (c) to institute legal proceedings.

2. For the purposes of this Agreement, UNHCR shall be represented by the Head of the UNHCR Office.

Article IV Purpose and Scope of the Agreement

1. (a) This Agreement regulates the status of the UNHCR premises, officials, experts on mission and persons performing services in the Host Country;

(b) This Agreement sets out the arrangements necessary for the effective discharge of the functions by UNHCR in the Host Country.

(c) Any building in the Host Country which may be used with the concurrence of the Government for meetings, seminars, training courses, symposiums, workshops and similar activities organized by UNHCR shall be temporarily included in the seat of UNHCR. For all such