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PROTOCOL¹ ON MATTERS PERTAINING TO ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC AND THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY

The Syrian Arab Republic and the Republic of Turkey,

Recalling historic and cultural ties existing between the two countries,

Desirous to add new dimensions to already existing good-neighbourly relations,

Bearing in mind numerous complementarities in the economies of their countries,

Agreed to sign the present Protocol.

Petroleum and Gas

1. The two Parties agreed to continue the contacts and visits on the exploration of Petroleum and Gas and exchange information on these matters.

2. The Syrian Side pointed out that it called for bids to develop natural gas fields in central areas of the Syrian Arab territory and informed the Turkish Side that the tender documents could be obtained from the Syrian Petroleum Company.

3. The Turkish Side informed the Syrian Side that it is ready and willing to purchase gas from Syria in sufficient quantity for its present and future requirements.

The Syrian Side pointed out that, in case there are exportable surpluses, it will examine and negotiate this proposal.

4. The two Parties confirm that they are ready to cooperate in conformity with the principles of service contracts related to Petroleum and gas exploration outside the exploration areas of the Syrian Petroleum Company. The Syrian Side pointed out that it was ready to provide the Turkish Side with data which will enable it to prepare documents in order to formulate the application to carry out exploration in areas selected by the Turkish side.

5. The Turkish Side pointed out that it is ready to lease to the Syrian Side its drilling equipment. The Syrian Side asked the Turkish Side to hand over to it the specifications of the said equipment. The specifications on question were handed over to the Syrian Side. The Syrian Side will examine these specifications and will inform the Turkish if it needs such equipment.

Water

6. During the filling up period of the Ataturk Dam reservoir and until the final allocation of the waters of Euphrates among the three riparian countries, the Turkish Side undertakes to release a yearly average of more than 500 M³/Sec. five hundred cubic meter per second at the Turkish-Syrian borders and in cases where the monthly flow falls below the level of 500 M³/Sec., five hundred cubic meter per second, the Turkish Side agrees to make up the difference during the following month.

¹ Came into force on 17 July 1987 by signature.

7. The two Sides shall work together with the Iraqi Side to allocate the waters of the rivers Euphrates and Tigris in the shortest possible time.

8. The two Sides agreed to expedite the work of the Joint Technical Committee on Regional Waters.

9. The two Parties agreed in principle to construct and operate jointly projects in the lands of both countries on the Euphrates and Tigris rivers for irrigation and power generation provided that the technical and economic feasibility studies of these projects are carried out in cooperation by the experts of the two countries.

10. The Turkish Side explained the details of the “Peace Pipe Line” planned to carry a portion of the waters of the Seyhan and Geyhan rivers in Turkey, through Syria by two pipe-lines, one going to countries of the Gulf and the other to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to supply water for household purposes and limited irrigation for the region.

The Syrian Side agreed in principle to the project and showed interest provided that the Turkish Side carries out its technical and economic feasibility study by an international consultancy firm.

The Syrian Side undertakes to facilitate the feasibility studies pertaining to the Syrian portion of the project.

In case of its positive conclusion, the Syrian Side will enter into negotiations for the final realization of the project.

Electricity

11. The two Sides agreed to continue their cooperation in the field of electrical power exchange at different voltage levels. Both Sides expressed their satisfaction about the steps reached in the project of the connection between Cag-Cag (Nusaybin) and Qamishli at 66 KV. The Turkish Side took note that relevant contract shall be submitted to the competent Syrian authorities for ratification in the shortest possible time. They will continue the studies and negotiations to carry out new connections between the Syrian and Turkish electrical networks at 400-220 KV, 154 KV and 66 KV levels.

Both Sides will take further necessary steps to carry out a feasibility study to connect the two networks at 400 KV in the framework of interconnection of electrical networks with other arab and islamic countries.

Both Sides expressed their willingness to exchange experience in the field of electrical power.

Trade

12. The two Sides reviewed their bilateral trade exchanges, they noticed the development of trade volume between the two countries in the year 1986, compared with the past years, after the signing of the agreed minutes on March 5, 1986, they expressed their mutual desire to develop and expand these exchanges to the best possible level by different suitable ways according to the needs and capabilities of both countries.

The two Sides expressed with respect to the application of afore mentioned agreed minutes, their desire to further promote and diversify their bilateral commercial and economic relations.

13. They also noticed that some contracts have been concluded among competent organizations of the two countries. They stressed the necessity of continuing to promote such transactions. Considering the advantages of shorter route for transport, the Turkish Side agreed to encourage its competent authorities to re-examine to import phosphate and petrocock from Syria by all suitable means including barter.

14. The two Sides expressed their satisfaction for exchanging visits between businessmen of the two countries and their readiness to promote and continue encouraging such visits for their mutual benefit and to develop the trade between the two countries.

15. The two Sides agreed to encourage and facilitate the participation of both countries and their competent organizations in the fairs and exhibitions held on the territory of each other.

Banking cooperation

16. Taking into consideration the draft Banking Arrangement prepared by the Central Bank of Turkey and submitted to the Central Bank of Syria, suggested amendments by the Central Bank of Syria and the respond to that by the Central Bank of Turkey, in accordance with the agreed minutes of March 5, 1986, both Sides had further discussed the matter in details. They agreed that Central Bank of Turkey will study the views that had been presented in writing by Central Bank of Syria and will forward its decision as soon as possible.

17. The Syrian Side suggested that the Turkish Side studies the possibilities of a governmental credit amounting to 100 Million U.S. Dollars, with moderate terms and conditions for financing the importation of industrial goods from Turkey. The Turkish Side took note of that proposal and stated that it will be considered in a spirit of mutual interest.

Transport and telecommunication

18. The two Sides expressed the importance of cooperation in the fields of transport and telecommunications as well as their desire to increase this cooperation for performing mutual benefit.

19. The following examples about some difficulties encountered in this field were given by the Turkish Side:

Financial fees and charges endured by Turkish trucks and the necessity of considering this point to be sure of matching with the effective laws and regulations and the agreements signed between the two countries.

The amounts due by the Syrian Railways to the Turkish State Railways administration.

The non-transfer of the revenues of Turkish Airlines to Turkey.

20. The Syrian Side stated that:

The charges levied on the Turkish vehicles are the same charges levied on the trucks of all other countries.

There are amounts due to the Syrian Side concerning the fees of cleaning the wagons.

The Turkish Railways administration takes into consideration more exactly the dates of receiving and delivering the wagons to avoid difficulties arising from not abiding with agreed states.

21. It was also agreed to hold, as soon as possible, a meeting between the two Railways Administrations in order to solve the existing difficulties.

Telecommunications field

22. The two Sides discussed the subject of increasing the making use of operating the telephone channels between the two countries and to transit through Turkey to Europe or through Syria to the South; they agreed to cooperate for the realization of this project.

The Syrian Side requested to consider the possibility of a connection through operating microwave T.V. channels between Syria and Turkey, mainly during the period of Mediterranean Games.

The Turkish Side promised to submit this interest to the Turkish competent authorities and, if necessary, a meeting would be held between the T.V. administrations of the two countries.

23. The Syrian Side requested the re-opening of the Qamishli-Siirt airway corridor.

The Turkish Side explained difficulties encountered in this field and asked the Syrian Side to extend its application through diplomatic channels.

Busses for the Mediterranean games

24. The Syrian Side expressed its desire to hire 100 busses to be used during the period of the Mediterranean Games, at least for 20 days.

The Turkish Side shall examine this request and forward its reply as soon as possible.

Cattle transit transportation

25. Both Parties agreed on cattle (sheep) transit transport through Syria on the following lines:

1) The quantities of the subject transportation will be shared equally by Turkish and Syrian trucks from origin to destination, taking into consideration that the shipment carried on by Syrian trucks will be made from the origins closer to the Syrian border.

2) Turkish relevant entrepreneurs, three days prior to transportation date will notify Ministry of Transport of Syria the quantities to be transported transit through Syria.

Syrian authorities within said three days will begin transportation for half of this quantity.

However, if Syrian trucks are not available in quantity at the time of shipment then the remained quantity of Syrian part will be transported by Turkish trucks.

Taking into consideration the extremely short period of time all relevant authorities of both countries will take every possible measures to facilitate this transportation.

It is understood that both Parties will take all necessary measures to facilitate crossing of Syria and Turkish trucks through each other borders, and facilitate Syrian trucks for entering Turkish border.

3) Turkish entrepreneurs, upon notifying the Syrian authorities of the quantity mentioned in the paragraph 2, may start transportation automatically up to half of the said amount.

4) Both Sides agreed on already applicable fixed costs, fees, levies, taxes, prices, etc.

5) The provisions of the present chapter will be valid till the end of “Kurban Bayrami-Eid al Adha”, namely 10th of August 1987.

26. The two Sides agreed on holding the Syrian-Turkish Joint Economic Commission in Ankara and the Syrian-Turkish Joint Committee for Road Transport in Damascus, on October 1987.

DONE AND SIGNED in Damascus on July 17, 1987, in two original copies in English language.

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