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AGREEMENT¹ IN THE FIELD OF TOURISM BETWEEN THE GOV-ERNMENT OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL AND THE GOVERN-MENT OF TURKMENISTAN

The Government of the State of Israel and the Government of Turkmenistan (hereinafter referred to as the "Contracting Parties"), being desirous of strengthening the friendly relations between the two countries on a basis of equality and mutual benefit, and recognising that the cooperation in the field of tourism is an important element in broadening the bilateral relations, have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The Contracting Parties particularly wish to reinforce and broaden the tourist relations between the two countries, for the purpose of improving the mutual knowledge of the life, history and culture of their people.

The cooperation foreseen under the present agreement is subject to the framework of the respective legislation of the Contracting Parties, the international Agreements to which they are party and the availability of funds.

Article 2

The Contracting Parties will promote the activities of their State tourist administration authorities in encouraging the creation and development of cooperation between tourism organisations, enterprises and companies of the State of Israel and Turkmenistan, whose role is to participate in the development of international tourism and in the undertaking mutual entrepreunarial activities, with a view of to organising services for tourists and promoting investment in the field of tourism.

<u>Article 3</u>

The Contracting Parties shall, subject to their laws and regulations in force, simplify travelling formalities for the purpose of reinforcing traffic in tourism between the two countries.

Article 4

The Contracting Parties shall give special attention to the promotion of tourism between their respective countries, including organised tours and specialised travel Groups, which will attend sporting events, festivals, exhibitions, fairs, congresses, etc. in the field of tourism.

¹Came into force on 18 April 1996 by notification, in accordance with article 10.

Article 5

The Contracting Parties agree that the participation of the national airlines in joint promotional programmes is most desirable and that all efforts must be made in order to facilitate such mutually profitable cooperation in this framework.

Article 6

The Contracting Parties agree to develop bilateral cooperation in the following fields: health tourism, manpower training programmes, the mutual exchange of travel experts and information.

Article 7

The Contracting Parties will cooperate within international tourism organisations.

<u>Article 8</u>

The Contracting Parties, in order to promote the implementation of this Agreement, will entrust the respective government tourism administrations to meet alternately in the capitals of the two countries in order to formulate a work programme for execution and to supervise its implementation. A Joint Committee will be established for this purpose.

Article 9

The Contracting Parties shall give special attention so that the appropriate administrative authorities and organisations in the tourism sector of both countries realise the exchange of information, experience, data and other documentation concerning tourism, in the field of their respective competence.

Article 10

The present Agreement will enter into force upon the completion of the necessary procedures laid down in the legislation of each Contracting Party, the operative date being that date which coincides with the date signifying completion of the procedures by the last Party.

The Agreement will then come into operation for an initial period of five years. The Agreement will be renewed by tacit acquiescence for further additional periods of five years, unless denounced by one of the Contracting Parties by advance notice in writing to the other, through diplomatic channels to be given no later than six months prior to the expiry of the initial period or any additional period. Done at Jerusalem, on $\underline{34}$ May, 1995, which corresponds to the $\underline{34}$ day of $\underline{140r}$, 5755, in two original copies, in the Hebrew, Turkmen, Russian and English languages, all four texts being equally authentic. In case of divergency of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

For the Government of the State of Israel:

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