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and  
Turkey**

**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. New York, 23 February 2011**

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**Organisation des Nations Unies  
et  
Turquie**

**Accord cadre entre l'Organisation des Nations Unies et la République turque concernant les arrangements relatifs aux privilèges et immunités et certaines autres matières concernant les conférences et les réunions tenues en Turquie. New York, 23 février 2011**

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[ ENGLISH TEXT – TEXTE ANGLAIS ]

**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**

WHEREAS the holding of United Nations conferences and meetings in Turkey throughout the years has been rewarding for both Parties and continues to generate opportunities for successful exchanges;

CONSIDERING that a standing framework agreement concerning key legal and operational matters, including privileges and immunities, liability, settlement of disputes and security, that would be applicable to all future United Nations meetings in Turkey, would greatly simplify the hosting of such meetings in Turkey;

NOW THEREFORE, the United Nations and Turkey hereby agree as follows:

**Article I**  
*Definitions*

For the purpose of the present Agreement:

- a) “Parties” to the Agreement are the Republic of Turkey and the United Nations;
- b) “Meeting” or “Meetings” means any conferences, seminars, symposia, courses, workshops, etc. held in Turkey under the auspices of the United Nations; and
- c) “Meeting premises” shall include all premises, including conference rooms, office space, working areas and other related facilities as agreed with the United Nations for each particular Meeting, as appropriate.

**Article II**  
*Object and purpose*

This Agreement applies to all Meetings held in Turkey under the auspices of the United Nations, including the funds and programmes of the United Nations. It lays down the fundamental legal and operational arrangements applicable to such Meetings within the territory of Turkey, if not otherwise agreed in writing.

**Article III**  
***Privileges and immunities***

1. The Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations, adopted by the General Assembly on 13 February 1946 (hereinafter referred to as "the Convention") shall be applicable in respect of Meetings. In particular,

- a) Representatives of states shall enjoy the privileges and immunities provided under article IV of the Convention;
- b) Officials of the United Nations participating in or performing functions in connection with a Meeting shall enjoy the privileges and immunities provided under articles V and VII of the Convention;
- c) Experts on mission for the United Nations shall be accorded the privileges and immunities as set out in articles VI and VII of the Convention; and
- d) Participants invited to a Meeting by the United Nations shall, for the limited purpose of the Meeting, enjoy immunity from legal process in respect of words spoken or written and acts performed by them for that Meeting.

2. The officials of the specialized and related agencies of the United Nations shall, as appropriate, enjoy the privileges and immunities provided under articles V and VII of the Convention or the Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Atomic Energy Agency of 1 July 1959.

3. Without prejudice to the preceding paragraphs, all participants and persons performing functions in connection with a Meeting shall enjoy such privileges and immunities, facilities and courtesies as are necessary for the independent exercise of their functions in connection with the Meeting in accordance with article 105 of the Charter of the United Nations, the Convention and the present Agreement.

4. Personnel provided for a Meeting by Turkey pursuant to this Agreement shall enjoy immunity from legal process in respect of words spoken or written and any act performed by them in their official capacity in connection with the Meeting.

5. Without prejudice to the privileges and immunities accorded by this Agreement, it is the duty of all persons enjoying such privileges and immunities to comply with the laws and regulations of Turkey, and not to interfere in the internal affairs of Turkey.

**Article IV**  
***Right of entry and exit***

1. All participants and persons performing functions in connection with a Meeting held in Turkey shall have the right of unimpeded entry into and exit from Turkey and no impediment shall be imposed on their transit to and from the Meeting premises.
2. Visas and entry permits, where required, shall be granted free of charge and as speedily as possible. When applications are made three weeks before the opening of a Meeting, visas shall be granted not later than two weeks before the date of the opening of the Meeting. If the application is made less than four weeks before the opening, the visa shall be granted as speedily as possible and not later than three days before the opening of the Meeting. Arrangements shall also be made to ensure that visas for the duration of the Meeting are delivered at the airport of arrival to participants who were unable to obtain them prior to their arrival.
3. Exit permits, where required, shall be granted free of charge, as speedily as possible, and in any case not later than three days before the closing of the Meeting.

**Article V**  
***Import and export***

1. Turkey shall allow the temporary importation, tax-free and duty-free, of all equipment, including technical equipment, and shall waive import duties and taxes on supplies necessary for a particular Meeting. It shall issue without delay any necessary import and export permits for this purpose.
2. Turkey shall permit the temporary import and export of firearms to be used by United Nations security officers assigned to a Meeting.
3. All participants and persons performing functions in connection with a Meeting held in Turkey shall have the right to take out of Turkey at the time of their departure, without any restriction, any unexpended portions of the funds they brought into Turkey in connection with a Meeting and to reconvert any such funds at the rate at which they had been converted.

**Article VI**  
***Security***

1. Turkey shall furnish such security protection as may be required to ensure the effective functioning of a Meeting in an atmosphere of security and tranquillity free from interference of any kind. Turkey may also employ private security protection to

supplement such protection. Such security protection shall be under the direct supervision and control of a senior security official provided by Turkey and will assume responsibility for the security of the areas adjacent to the Meeting premises.

2. The senior United Nations security official and such other United Nations security officers under his command shall have direct responsibility for access to and security within the Meeting premises.

3. The senior security official provided by Turkey shall work in close cooperation with the senior United Nations security official designated by the United Nations Department of Safety and Security.

4. The modalities for cooperation between Turkey and the United Nations on security for each Meeting may be further detailed separately between the Parties.

### **Article VII** ***Meeting premises***

For the purposes of the Convention, Meeting premises shall be deemed to constitute premises of the United Nations in the sense of Section 3 of the Convention and access thereto shall be subject to the control and authority of the United Nations. Meeting premises shall be inviolable for the duration of a Meeting, including the preparatory stage and the winding-up.

### **Article VIII** ***Liability***

1. Turkey shall be responsible for dealing with any action, claim or other demand against the United Nations or its officials arising out of:

- a) Injury to persons or damage or loss of property in Meeting premises provided by or under the control of Turkey;
- b) Injury to persons or damage to or loss of property caused by or incurred in using any transport services that are provided for a Meeting by or under the control of Turkey;
- c) The employment for the Meeting of personnel provided or arranged for by Turkey.

2. Turkey shall indemnify and hold harmless the United Nations and its officials in respect of any such action, claim or other demand, except where it is agreed by Turkey and the Secretary-General of the United Nations that such actions or claims arise from gross negligence or wilful misconduct of such persons.

**Article IX**  
***Procurement***

In order for Turkey to undertake the acquisition of the goods and services identified in the relevant *ad hoc* arrangement for a Meeting in a timely manner, such acquisition shall not be subjected to the domestic legislation of Turkey concerning procedures for public procurement.

**Article X**  
***Settlement of disputes***

Any dispute concerning the interpretation or the application of this Agreement, except for a dispute subject to Section 30 of the Convention or of any other applicable agreement, shall, unless the Parties otherwise agree, be resolved by negotiations or any other agreed mode of settlement. Any such dispute that is not settled by negotiations or any other agreed mode of settlement shall be submitted at the request of either Party for a final decision to a tribunal of three arbitrators, one of whom shall be appointed by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, one by Turkey and the third, who shall be the Chairman, by the other two arbitrators. If either Party does not appoint an arbitrator within three months of the other Party having notified the name of its arbitrator or if the first two arbitrators do not within three months of the appointment or nomination of the second one of them appoint a Chairman, then such arbitrator shall be nominated by the President of the International Court of Justice at the request of either party to the dispute. Except as otherwise agreed by the Parties, the tribunal shall adopt its own rules of procedure, provide for the reimbursement of its members and the distribution of expenses between the Parties, and take all decisions by a two-thirds majority. Its decision on all questions of procedure and substance shall be final and, even if rendered in default of one of the parties, be binding on both of them.

**Article XI**  
***Final provisions***

1. The Parties shall enter into *ad hoc* arrangements in accordance with this Agreement regarding organizational, financial and other matters in relation to each Meeting held in Turkey.

2. This Agreement shall be signed by both Parties. It shall enter into force upon the receipt by the United Nations of written notification from Turkey that all internal procedures for its entry into force have been completed.

3. This Agreement may be modified by written agreement between the Parties hereto. Any relevant matter for which no provision is made in this Agreement shall be settled by the Parties in keeping with the relevant resolutions and decisions of the appropriate organs of the United Nations. Each Party shall give full and sympathetic consideration to any proposal advanced by the other Party under this paragraph.

4. This Agreement may be terminated by either Party by written notice to the other and shall terminate six months after receipt of such notice. Notwithstanding any such notice of termination, this Agreement shall remain in force until complete fulfilment or termination of all obligations entered into by virtue of this Agreement.

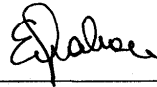
Done in New York on 23 February 2011 in duplicate in the English language. Turkey shall arrange for an official translation of this Agreement into the Turkish language.

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