

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY**  
**AND**  
**THE GOVERNMENT OF STATE OF PALESTINE**  
**ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF CIVIL PROTECTION**

The Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of State of Palestine; (hereinafter referred to as “Parties”) with the intention of reinforcing the relations between two Countries;

**Recognizing** that the cooperation in the field of civil protection contributes to the people’s safety from contemporary threats;

**Being aware of** the importance of providing an effective disaster response in order to limit and mitigate damage to the population, property and environment;

**In view of** achieving common goals by promoting cooperation in the field of civil protection, strengthening national system and their own management capacity;

**Taking into consideration** the provisions of the bilateral and international legal instruments binding for the Parties or their States;

Have agreed as follows:

**Article 1**

**Cooperation Objective**

1. This Memorandum of Understanding, hereinafter referred to as MOU, aims at facilitating the bilateral cooperation in the field of forecasting, prevention, mitigation and response to natural or man-made disasters, occurred in the state territory of one of the Parties.
2. Cooperation specified in this MoU shall be implemented by Parties in accordance with national legislation.

**Article 2**

**Executive Authorities**

The executive authorities designated by the Republic of Turkey and the State of Palestine in the application of this MoU are Republic of Turkey, Ministry of Interior, Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency (hereinafter referred to as “AFAD”) and

Government of State of Palestine, Ministry of Interior General Directorate of Civil Defence, respectively.

### **Article 3**

#### **Activities of Cooperation**

The cooperation includes the following activities:

1. Exchange of technical –scientific information and development of joint projects.
2. Exchange of experts and expertise;
3. Development of strategies and methods aimed at reducing common risks;
4. Organization of training courses, seminars and workshops on agreed topics to be held in Turkey and Palestine;
5. Defining procedures for possible assistance in case of natural or man –made disasters, which may occur in the territory of one of the Parties;
6. Support by each Party to encourage participating of the other Party’s observers in exercises in the field of mitigation of disasters or simulations of the major accidents and emergency situations

### **Article 4**

#### **Coordination**

The implementation of this MoU shall be coordinated by both Parties, will be constituted between the two Parties and it shall have the following objectives:

1. Considering the scope of cooperation areas, planning the joint actions.
2. Monitoring and evaluation of joint actions and proposing other cooperation actions.
3. Each Party shall cover their own expenses regarding accommodation, food, travel and etc. for the meetings and other activities,

### **Article 5**

#### **Costs**

The costs related to the implementation of the present MoU shall be defined on a case by case basis and met by the Parties by common consent, within the framework of their available funding, by means of proper agreements concluded between the Parties.

### **Article 6**

#### **Settlement of Disputes**

Any dispute regarding the implementation or interpretation of this MoU shall be resolved through consultations and negotiations among the Parties amicably and in a spirit of cooperation.

## Article 7

### Amendments

This MoU may be amended by mutual written consent of the Parties at any time. The amendments shall enter into force in accordance with same legal procedure prescribed under first paragraph of Article 8.

## Article 8

### Final Provisions

1. This MoU shall enter into force on the date of the receipt of the last written notification by which the Parties notify each other, through diplomatic channels, of the completion of their internal legal procedures required for the entry into force of the concerned document.
2. This MoU shall be renewed automatically 1(one) year. It shall be renewed, unless one of the Parties notifies the other in writing through diplomatic channels of its intention to terminate the agreement 3 (three) months prior to its expiration.
3. The termination of this MoU shall not affect the implementation and validity of any on-going Project or program launched under this Memorandum of Understanding.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective governments, have signed this MoU.

Signed in Ankara, on 25 October 2018, in three original copies, each in English, Turkish and Arabic languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence in interpretation of this MoU, the English text shall prevail.

On Behalf of

The Government of the Republic of  
Turkey

Dr. Mehmet GÜLLÜOĞLU  
President of AFAD

On Behalf of

The Government of the State of Palestine

General Youssef NASSAR  
Head of Palestinian Civil Defense