

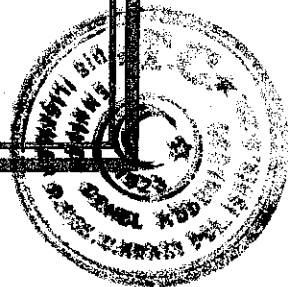
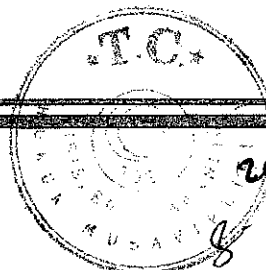
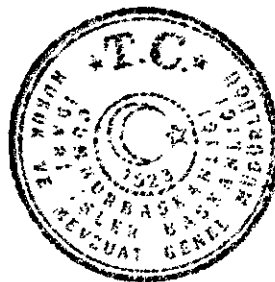
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The Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of the Republic of Benin, hereinafter referred to as "the Parties";

Desiring to enhance bilateral cooperation in order to strengthen and develop friendly relations between the Republic of Turkey and the Republic of Benin to promote welfare and stability in a peaceful atmosphere in both States in the framework of the principles of mutual respect of the sovereignty, equality and interest of both Parties;

Being concerned about the increase in the international terrorism attacks and international organized crime;

Being aware of the need to develop cooperation within the fields of technical assistance, training and equipment;

In accordance with the principle of effective protection of their citizens and other persons in their countries from terrorist acts and from other criminal acts;

Considering national legislation and international obligations of both Parties;

Taking into consideration basic principles defined in the United Nations Charter as well as protection of human rights;

Desiring to further strengthen friendly relations between both Parties by respecting the principle of sovereignty and equality of the States;

Have agreed the following:

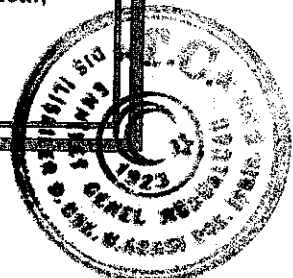
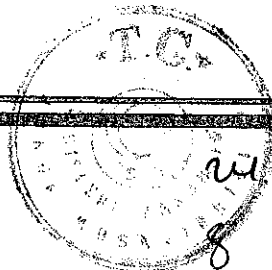
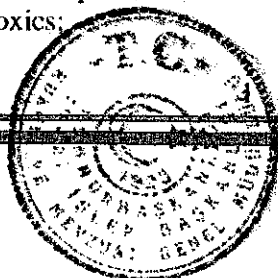
**Article 1
Obligation to Cooperate**

The Parties shall cooperate in fighting transnational crimes, in particular crimes related to terrorism, organized crime, smuggling of migrants, trafficking in human beings, narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and their precursors, in conformity with their national legislation in force and the international treaties to which they are Parties.

**Article 2
Fields of Cooperation**

1.1. The Parties shall cooperate, in the framework of their means, in order to prevent, suppress and conduct investigations into crimes in the following fields:

- a) Transnational organized crime, including money laundering, cybercrimes, smuggling of cultural and natural properties;
- b) Illicit production of and trafficking in narcotic drugs;
- c) Trafficking in persons, smuggling of migrants and illegal migration;
- d) Illicit trafficking in weapons, ammunitions, explosives, nuclear, biological, chemical, radioactive material and toxics;



e) Forgery of money, passports, visa and all the other official documents;

f) Mafia-type criminal organizations, smuggling of alcoholic drinks, tobacco products and customs.

1.2. The Parties shall also cooperate to prevent and suppress terrorist acts and financing of terrorism, in conformity with their national legislation in force and their international obligations arising from applicable international treaties and UN Security Council Resolutions. In this context:

The Parties shall take efficient measures for preventing the preparation and perpetration of terrorist acts within their territories, against the citizens and the security of the other Party.

1.3. The cooperation in combating terrorism shall cover especially cooperation in information, intelligence and assessment sharing as well as operational cooperation regarding the terrorist organizations and their action methods, terrorist acts, financing of terrorism, which are affecting the security of the Parties, and the technical and tactical methods used in combating terrorism.

a) In combating terrorism, the Parties shall prevent the activities of the visual and written media organs of terrorist organizations and their front institutions operating in their territories against the other Party. The Parties shall consider them as illegal organizations and shall take appropriate measures in this regard according to their national legislations.

b) The Parties shall develop and implement efficient combating measures regarding the persons and institutions providing financial or other support including sheltering, accommodation, training and treatment and logistic support to the terrorist organizations in their territories.

c) The Parties shall exchange information and experience regarding methods in preventing and combating terrorism, including acts of hostage taking and hijacking and they shall conduct mutual studies with regard to these issues.

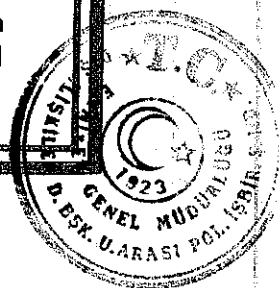
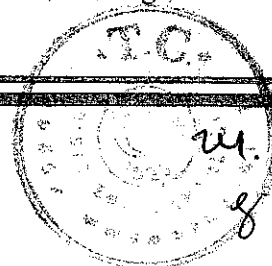
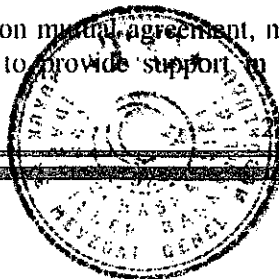
d) The Parties shall exchange information and experience regarding weapons, equipment and technical installation used in combating terrorism.

e) The Parties shall cooperate and exchange information by monitoring the movements of the technological equipment, all kinds of weapons and ammunition, which can be used in preparation and perpetration of terrorist acts, with the aim of preventing terrorist organizations from acquiring them.

2. The Parties may appoint liaison officers, having mutually diplomatic authorization, in order to increase the efficiency of interaction and coordination of joint actions within the framework of this Agreement.

3. The Parties may cooperate in the fields of In-Service Training Certificate Program, Basic Training Program for Law Enforcement Personnel, First Level Law Enforcement Agencies' Superiors Certificate Program, Post Graduate and Doctorate Programs in the institutes affiliated to the Presidencies of the Turkish National Police Academy, Gendarmerie and Coast Guard Academy and Non-Thesis Master's Program by giving priority to the superior personnel. The provisions, which include financial issues and conditions of the trainings given in this scope, shall be determined by the protocol on training cooperation that will be signed later.

4. The Parties, upon mutual agreement, may cooperate and realize short and long term programs and projects to provide support in the fields such as tools, trainings, technical



assistance, material donation and consultancy in order to increase the institutional capacities of the Police, Gendarmerie and Coast Guard organizations responsible for ensuring peace and tranquillity.

5. The Parties shall cooperate and share information with the aim of countering criminal methods in a more efficient way and strengthening their forensic medicine capacities.

Article 3 Request for Assistance and Execution

1. Cooperation within the framework of this Agreement shall take place based on the requests for assistance made by the competent authority concerned or upon initiative of the competent authority which deems the assistance is of interest to the other competent authority.

2. Information may - without request - be transmitted to the other Party if there are grounds to believe that it is of interest to other Party.

3. Requests for assistance shall be submitted in writing. In case of emergency they may be made orally, but shall be confirmed in writing as soon as possible not later than seven (7) days.

4. Requests for assistance shall contain:

a) The name of the authority of the Party which requests assistance and the name of the authority of the Party to which a request for assistance has been submitted;

b) Detailed information on the case;

c) Aim of and reasons for the request;

d) Description of the assistance requested;

e) Level of urgency;

f) Any other information which may contribute to the effective execution of a request.

5. If the execution of a request for assistance or a cooperation activity jeopardizes the sovereignty or security or is contrary to national law, international obligations or other essential interests of one of the Parties, that Party may refuse to execute the request wholly or partly or may execute the request subject to certain conditions.

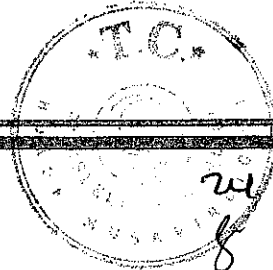
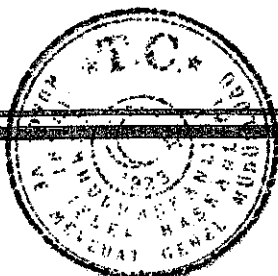
6. The requested Party shall take all the measures necessary to execute the request in the most rapid and complete way as possible.

7. During the execution of a request the law of the requested Party shall apply.

8. The requested Party shall be authorized to request further information to the requesting Party, if deemed necessary for an appropriate execution of the request.

9. If the requested Party considers that the immediate execution of a request may interfere with criminal proceedings started in its Country, requested Party can delay the execution of the request or make it subordinate to the respect of the conditions established as necessary as a result of consultations with the requesting Party. If the requesting Party agrees to provide assistance on the conditions proposed, it shall fulfill them.

10. Unless the national legislation of the requested Party establishes other time limits, its competent authority shall notify the results concerning the execution of the request to the requesting Party within thirty (30) days from its receipt.



11. In case of total or partial refusal of an assistance request, the requested Party shall notify the reasons for the refusal to the requesting Party.

Article 4

Limits on the Use of Information and Document

1. The Parties agree that the information and personal data transmitted under this Agreement shall be used exclusively for the purposes envisaged by it, while respecting the human rights of individuals in accordance with relevant domestic legislation and human rights treaties to which they are parties.

2. Personal data and, in particular, sensitive information exchanged between the Parties shall be, in conformity with the Parties' domestic law on data and information, protected according to the same standards applying to national data.

3. In compliance with the purposes of this Agreement, Parties shall adopt the necessary technical and organizational measures to protect sensitive and personal data against accidental or unlawful destruction, accidental loss or disclosure, unauthorized alteration or access or any unauthorized form of processing. The Parties, in particular, must take any necessary measures to ensure that only those authorized to access personal data can have access to such data.

4. Under this Agreement any information, documents and other joint material will not be disclosed to any third Parties without the prior written consent of the competent authority that provided them. This obligation will prevail after this Agreement terminated.

5. Upon the request of the providing Party, the receiving Party is obliged to stop using, correcting or deleting, consistent with its national law, the data received under this Agreement that is incorrect or incomplete or if its collection or further processing contravenes this Agreement or the rules applicable to the supplying Party.

6. When a Party becomes aware that data it has received from the other Party under this Agreement is not accurate, it shall take all appropriate measures to prevent reliance on such data, which shall include in particular supplementation, deletion or correction of such data.

7. Each Party shall notify the other if it becomes aware that data it has provided to the other Party or received from the other Party under this Agreement are inaccurate or unreliable or might give rise to significant doubt.

Article 5

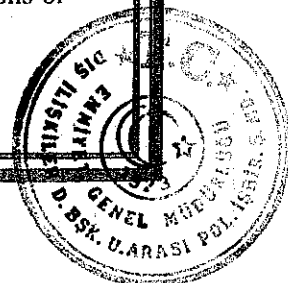
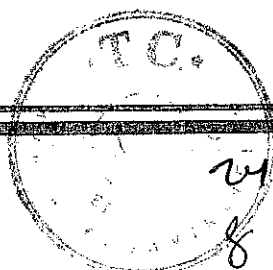
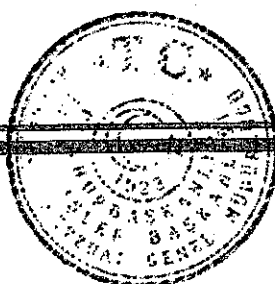
Competent Authorities for the Implementation of the Agreement

1. The competent Authorities for the implementation of this Agreement are as follows:

- a) For the Party of Turkey : the Ministry of the Interior,
- b) For the Party of Benin : the Ministry of Interior and Public Security.

2. Within thirty (30) days from the entry into force of this Agreement; the Parties shall exchange the list of the national offices authorized to maintain direct contacts in order to implement the provisions of this Agreement and establish the relevant communication channels.

3. The Parties shall immediately notify each other on any changes in the list of the national offices authorized to maintain direct contacts in order to implement the provisions of this Agreement.



4. The Parties, in addition to the above mentioned authorized offices, shall cooperate through international and regional organizations, their respective liaison officers and other experts in the field of crimes that are covered by this Agreement.

Article 6 **Meetings and Consultations**

With a view to implementing this Agreement, both Parties shall determine an administrative committee consisting of the representatives of the authorities responsible for the fields included in this Agreement.

The following are the fields which are under the responsibility of the administrative committee:

- Assessing and strengthening all activities of cooperation between the Parties,
- Examining important problems, disputes which may arise during the implementation of this Agreement, analysing special regulations and presenting settlement proposals.

Administrative Committee shall convene, in one of the countries alternately, on a mutually decided date.

Article 7 **Settlement of Disputes**

Possible disputes arising from the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement are settled amicably through consultations between the competent Authorities mentioned in Article 5 and negotiations through diplomatic channels.

Article 8 **Relations of this Agreement with Other International Treaties**

This Agreement shall not prejudice the rights and obligations arising from other international treaties concluded by the Parties.

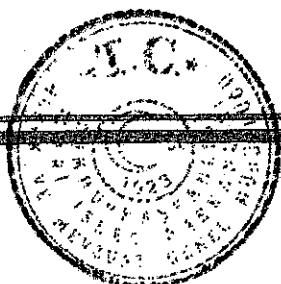
Article 9 **Expenses**

1. Expenses for the processing of a request under this Agreement shall be covered by the requested Party.

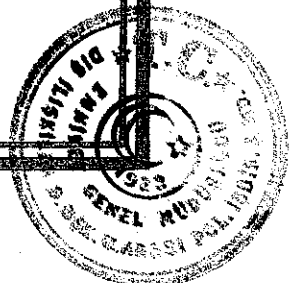
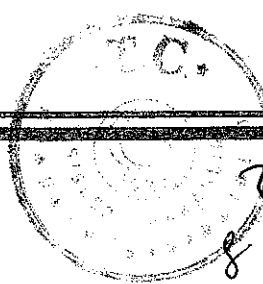
2. Unless otherwise agreed upon, expenses for the meetings shall be covered by the Hosting Party whereas international travel expenses of delegations shall be covered by the Sending Party.

Article 10 **Final Provisions**

1. This Agreement enters 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 its entry into force.



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2. This Agreement is valid for an indefinite period of time. Any Party may notify the other Party, at any time, in writing through diplomatic channels of its intention to terminate the Agreement six (6) months prior to its expiration.

3. After the Agreement has entered into force; either of the Parties may propose to other Party to make amendments in the text.

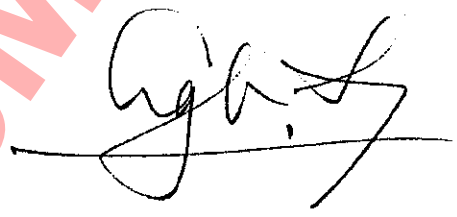
Amendments shall come into force in accordance with the procedure set out in the 1st Paragraph of Article 10.

This Agreement has been signed and sealed by the undersigned officials, who are duly authorized by the Governments, on 06/12/2016 in Ankara in two original copies, each in Turkish, French and English all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

For the Government of
the Republic of Turkey

For the Government of
the Republic of Benin


Stileyman SOYLU
Minister of Interior


Aurélien AGBÉNONCI
Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation

