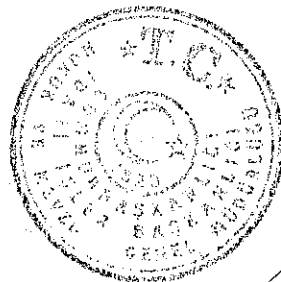
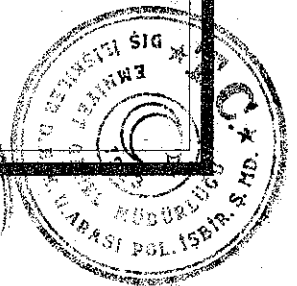


**SECURITY COOPERATION AGREEMENT**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY**  
**AND**  
**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA**



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The Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela hereinafter referred to as "the Parties";

Desiring to enhance bilateral cooperation in order to further strengthen and develop friendly relationships between the Republic of Turkey and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela 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 of the acts of international terrorism and international organized crime;

In accordance with the principle of protecting effectively their citizens and other persons in their countries from acts of terrorism and other criminal acts;

Striving to enhance cooperation in this area by confirming the significance of international cooperation in combating terrorism and organized crime;

Considering national legislation and international obligations of both Parties;

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

Respecting the principle of sovereignty and equality of States and wishing to further strengthen the friendly relations between both Parties;

Have agreed the following:

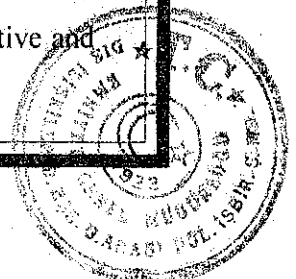
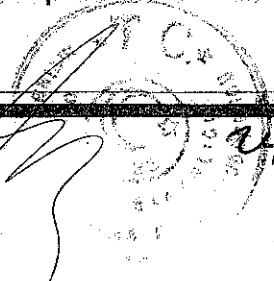
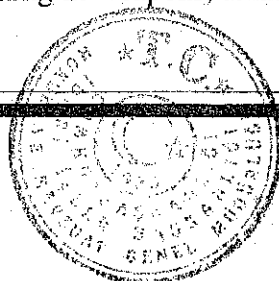
## **ARTICLE 1 OBLIGATION TO COOPERATE**

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

## **ARTICLE 2 FIELDS OF COOPERATION**

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

- a) Cross-border organized crimes, including money-laundering, cybercrimes, and smuggling of cultural and natural properties;
- b) Illicit production of and trafficking in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and their precursors;
- c) Trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants;
- d) Illicit trafficking in weapons, ammunitions, explosives, nuclear, radioactive and



toxic materials;

- e) Forgery of money, passports, visa and other official documents;
- f) Economic/Financial crimes.

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:

a) 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.

b) The cooperation in combating terrorism shall cover especially cooperation in information, intelligence, assessment sharing and 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 techniques and methods used in combating terrorism.

c) 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 consider them as illegal organizations and take appropriate measures in this regard according to their national legislations.

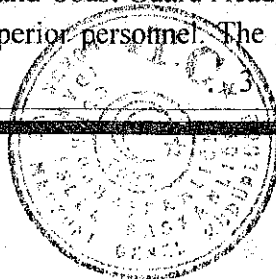
d) The Parties shall develop and implement efficient combating measures regarding the persons and institutions providing financial or other support including sheltering, accommodation, training and treatment and logistic support to the terrorist organizations in their territories.

e) The Parties shall exchange information and experience regarding the methods in preventing and combating terrorism including issues of taking hostage and highjacking matters and they shall conduct mutual studies about the mentioned areas.

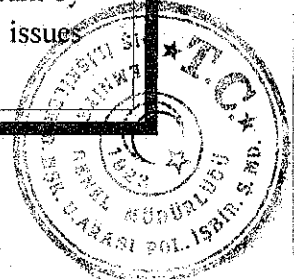
f) The Parties shall exchange information and experience regarding the weapons, equipment and technical installation used in combating terrorism. They shall provide mutual trainings to the personnel of the units dealing with terrorism and within this direction they shall organize traineeships, seminars and consultation meetings by cooperating in the field of analyzing the nature, dynamics and forms of the terrorism.

g) 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 the terrorist acts with the aim of preventing the terrorist organizations from acquiring the above-mentioned equipment.

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



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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 may appoint liaison officers as mutually in order to increase the efficiency of interaction and coordination of joint actions within the framework of the present Agreement.

5. The Parties, provided it has been agreed, may conduct short and long term programs and projects for providing support in areas such as training, technical support and assistance, material donation and consultancy, with the aim of building administrative and institutional capacities of the Police, Gendarmerie and Coast Guard Organizations which are entrusted with ensuring peace and tranquility. The Parties may mutually appoint Law Enforcement Liaison Officers temporarily and continually, develop joint security policies and cooperate.

### ARTICLE 3 COOPERATION PROCEDURES

In the framework of cooperation, for the purpose of implementing Article 2 of this Agreement and in compliance with their national legislation Parties shall:

a) exchange operative information on planned or perpetrated criminal acts and structure, composition, external contacts and modus operandi of criminal organizations in order to prevent and combat transboundary crime, terrorist acts and terrorist groups.

b) in conformity with its national laws, agree to carry out joint police operations. The relevant operational procedures shall be agreed upon by the Authorities of both Parties as mentioned in Article 6 of this Agreement;

c) in compliance with their relevant national legislation in force, take measures to prevent and combat the illicit production of and trafficking in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and their precursors;

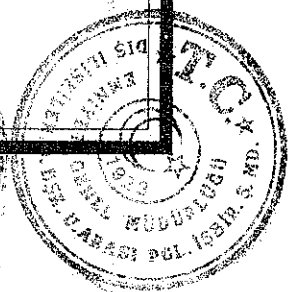
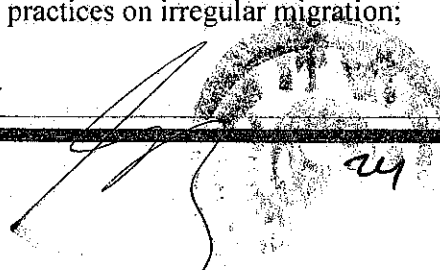
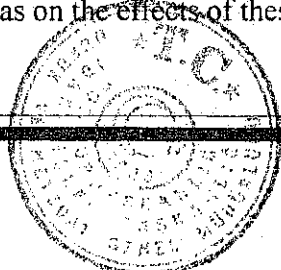
d) exchange experiences in the control of legal trade in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and their precursors, and shall take measures to prevent abuses in this field. They shall also exchange and analyze information on narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and their precursors, places and methods of production and manufacturing, channels and means used by smugglers, including concealing modalities, as well as on analysis techniques;

e) exchange operational information in order to identify and detect persons, objects and money related to the crimes covered by this Agreement;

f) cooperate to coordinate the necessary measures for the implementation of special investigative techniques and methods such as controlled deliveries and undercover operations;

g) exchange information on techniques and methods implemented and developed in combating juvenile delinquency and crimes committed against children;

h) exchange information on the current migration policies, practices and experiences, as well as on the effects of these practices on irregular migration;





i) cooperate by exchanging information on the main illegal immigration flows, the routes used by illegal migrants, their modus operandi and transportation methods. The Parties may also exchange their relevant risk assessment reports;

j) cooperate by exchanging information on passports and other travel documents, visas as well as entry and exit stamps in order to detect counterfeited documents;

k) cooperate in executing the requests envisaged in Article 4 of this Agreement;

l) take any other action, in compliance with their national legislation in force and other relevant international conventions to which they are parties and in accordance with the purposes of this Agreement;

m) cooperate to organize mutual trainings and courses through their respective Authorities mentioned in Article 6 of this Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE 4 REQUESTS 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;

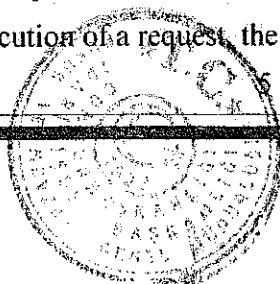
e) Level of urgency;

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

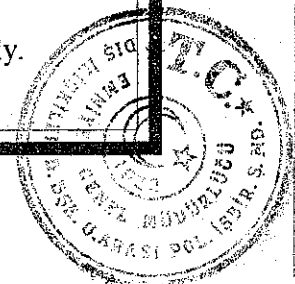
5. If the execution of a request for assistance or a cooperation activity jeopardizes the sovereignty or security or is contrary to national law, international obligations or other essential interests of one of the Parties, that Party may refuse to execute the request wholly or partly or may execute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



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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 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 5 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.

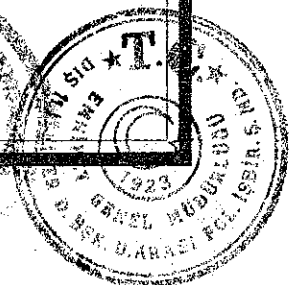
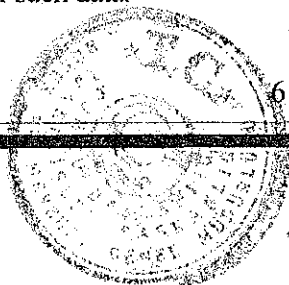
2. Personal data and, in particular, sensitive information exchanged between the Parties shall be, in conformity with the Parties' domestic law on data and information, protected according to the same standards applying to national data.

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, shall take any necessary measures to ensure that only those authorized to access personal data can have access to such data.

4. The Parties shall not transfer information, document and technical equipment shared under this Agreement, to the third parties without prior written consent of the authorities of the other Party. This principle shall be valid after the expiration of this Agreement.

5. At the request of the providing Party, the receiving Party shall be obliged to stop using, correct or delete, consistent with its national law, the data received under this Agreement that are incorrect or incomplete or if its collection or further processing contravenes this Agreement or the rules applicable to the supplying Party.

6. Where a Party becomes aware that data it has received from the other Party under this Agreement are not accurate, it shall take all appropriate measures to safeguard against erroneous 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 material 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 6 COMPETENT AUTHORITIES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT**

1. The competent Authorities for the implementation of this Agreement shall be:

a) For the Republic of Turkey: the Ministry of Interior

b) For the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela: the People's Power Ministry for Interior, Justice and Peace, The National Anti-Drug Office and the national Office to counter Organized Crime and Financing of Terrorism.

2. Within 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. They shall also notify each other of changes in their communication channels.

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.

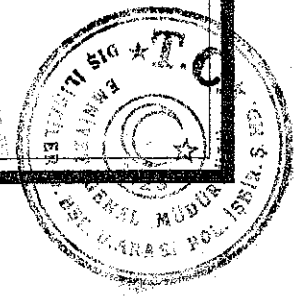
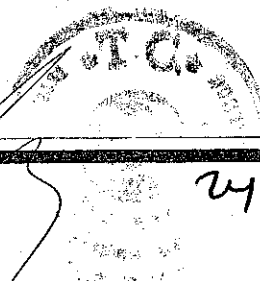
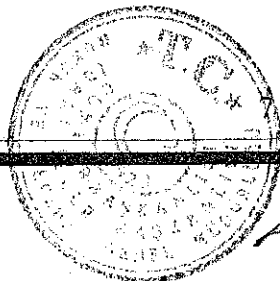
#### **ARTICLE 7 MEETINGS AND CONSULTATIONS**

1. With a view to facilitating implementation of this Agreement the representatives of the competent authorities may, if necessary, hold bilateral meetings and consultations to assess the progress made under this Agreement as well as to analyze and enhance cooperation.

2. Meetings shall take place in Turkey and in Venezuela, alternately.

#### **ARTICLE 8 SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES**

Any dispute arising from the interpretation or application of this Agreement shall be settled amicably by negotiations by the Parties.



**ARTICLE 9**  
**RELATIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT WITH OTHER**  
**INTERNATIONAL TREATIES**

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

**ARTICLE 10**  
**EXPENSES**

1. Ordinary expenses for the processing of a request under this Agreement shall be covered by the requested Party unless otherwise agreed upon in writing by the Parties. If the request includes a considerable or extraordinary expense, the competent authorities shall consult each other in order to establish terms and conditions for processing the request as well as cost sharing modalities.

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

**ARTICLE 11**  
**LANGUAGE OF COOPERATION**

For the purposes of cooperation under this Agreement, the Parties shall use their official languages and enclose translations in the official language of the requested Party or shall use English.

**ARTICLE 12**  
**FINAL PROVISIONS**

1. This Agreement 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 its entry into force.

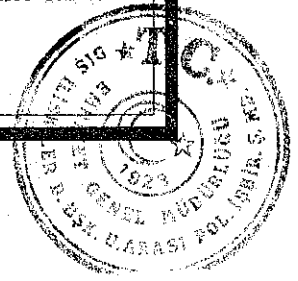
2. This Agreement shall remain in force for a period of 5 years. Any Party may notify the other Party at any time in writing through diplomatic channels of its intention to terminate the Agreement 6 months prior to its expiration. It shall be renewed automatically for successive periods of 1 year, unless one of the Parties notifies the other in writing through diplomatic channels of its intention to terminate the Agreement 6 months prior to its expiration.

3. In case the Agreement is terminated, all activities already started under this Agreement shall be carried out under the terms and conditions hereof.

4. This Agreement may be amended by mutual written consent of the Contracting Parties at any time. The amendments shall enter into force in accordance with the same legal procedure prescribed under Article 12 paragraph 1 of this Agreement.



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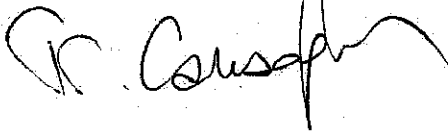




In witness thereof, the undersigned- duly authorized by the Governments – have signed and sealed this Agreement on 06/10/2017 in Ankara in two original copies, each in Turkish, Spanish and English, all texts being equally authentic. In the case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

**For the Government of the  
Republic of Turkey**

**Mevlüt ÇAVUŞOĞLU  
Minister of Foreign Affairs**



**For the Government of the  
Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela**

**Jorge Alberto Arreaza MONTSERRAT  
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