

**FRAMEWORK FOR COOPERATION
BETWEEN THE
GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF THE ORGANISATION OF ISLAMIC
COOPERATION AND THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE
TURKISH CYPRIOT STATE**

The General Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, (hereinafter referred to as "OIC") and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Turkish Cypriot State, jointly referred to as "the Parties";

Taking into consideration the shared vision of a peaceful, democratic and prosperous future based on shared values for all their peoples;

Reaffirming the previous resolutions of the Islamic Conferences on the question of Cyprus which express firm support for the rightful cause of the Turkish Muslim people of Cyprus who constitute an integral part of the Islamic world;

Recognizing the importance of strengthening regular dialogue and cooperation in all areas of mutual concern, including peace and security, development and trade, export promotion and investment, tourism and transport, vocational training, water and food security, higher education and culture, science and technology, and environment;

Reach the following arrangement:

A. AIM AND SCOPE

1. The Framework involves the establishment of a regular dialogue between the OIC General Secretariat and the Turkish Cypriot State on issues of common interest with a view to identifying and furthering opportunities for practical cooperation and exchange in the areas of common interest including, but not limited to the following areas:

- a. International political issues
- b. Development and trade
- c. Export promotion and investment
- d. Tourism and transport
- e. Vocational training
- f. Water and food security
- g. Higher education and culture
- h. Science and technology
- i. Environment

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C. MECHANISMS

2. Representatives of the Turkish Cypriot State and the OIC General Secretariat will hold annual consultations at a mutually agreed venue to discuss issues of mutual interest and identify potential areas for cooperation.
3. These consultations will be based on a mutually determined agenda agreed prior to the consultations.
4. Supporting ad hoc meetings and consultations on specific areas of cooperation will occur as necessary and as mutually determined by the two sides.
5. Progress on implementation of cooperative activities identified through the annual consultations will be regularly reviewed by the Turkish Cypriot State and the OIC General Secretariat.
6. Guided by the intentions to ensure more efficient participation of the Turkish Cypriot State in its capacity as an observer member in the work of the OIC, and with a view to maintaining an effective mechanism of working contacts, the OIC General Secretariat will facilitate the participation of the Turkish Cypriot representatives in the activities and events organized by the OIC and its subsidiary, specialized and affiliated organs in line with the OIC rules and regulations.

D. AMENDMENT TO FRAMEWORK

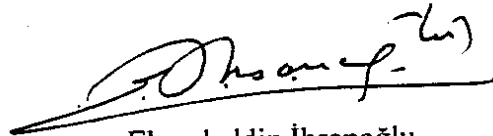
7. This Cooperation Framework can be amended at any time in writing by agreement of the Parties.

E. ENTRY INTO EFFECT

8. This Cooperation Framework will come into effect upon its signature.
9. This Cooperation Framework done at Lefkosa on 22 November 2013, in two copies each in the English language.



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