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1. The relations between Africa and Turkey have reached the stage of a mutually reinforced Strategic Partnership, building on both Parties policies. Based on the progress made by “the Joint Implementation Plan of Turkey-Africa Partnership 2010-2014” in accordance with the Istanbul Declaration of the First Africa-Turkey Cooperation Summit of 19 August 2008, Africa on one hand, and the Republic of Turkey on the other, referred to as the Parties, have jointly developed this Joint Implementation Plan. The Implementation Plan is established for a period of four (4) years and will be subject to mutual review, adjustment and improvement during that period. The Parties adopt this Joint Implementation Plan to further strengthen the comprehensive cooperation for the benefit of both parties, especially with a view to contributing towards the realization of Africa’s Agenda 2063 and the Post 2015 Development Agenda.

I. INSTITUTIONAL COOPERATION

1.1. Consultations on political matters

2. To enhance interaction between the Parties and to develop and strengthen relations between the two sides, having due regard to the principle of equality and mutual trust and respect:

- a) Where appropriate, Turkish Ministers responsible for various sectors can be invited to attend meetings of their African counterparts;
- b) Turkish and African Ministers shall consult on common interest, in particular on regional/global issues within the context of the Africa-Turkey Partnership.

1.2. Inter-Parliamentary Relations

3. To enhance inter-action beyond governmental and technical levels, the Parties shall:

- a) Encourage inter-parliamentary relations through sharing of best practices and capacity building between the Pan-African Parliament (PAP) and the Turkish Grand National Assembly;
- b) Encourage the establishment of Friendship Groups between the Turkish Grand National Assembly and the Parliaments of African countries.

1.3. Cooperation within International Organizations

4. The Parties shall, in accordance with the 2008 Istanbul Declaration, intensify contacts and consultations with each other at different levels within the United Nations, the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and other international organizations such as the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and the World Trade Organization to which they belong, in order to harmonize positions and coordinate actions on issues of common interest.

1.4. Cooperation with Regional Economic Communities and Civil Society

5. The Parties shall explore possible areas of cooperation at the regional level, particularly with respect to Africa's Regional Economic Communities and civil society, taking in consideration that the technical cooperation in the fields of agriculture, , rural development, health, education and environment shall be realized through the coordination of Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA), the related Regional Economic Communities, Civil Society and the local authorities.

II. TRADE AND INVESTMENT

6. In recognition of the need to greatly expand trade and investment between the Parties, increase market access between them and the promotion of high level of investment, Turkey, African countries and RECs shall encourage the following:

- a) Exchange of visits between African and Turkish Ministers of Trade and Investment to explore areas of cooperation;
- b) Creation of a joint database at the level of Chambers of Commerce and business councils, in order to disseminate business opportunities to entrepreneurs of both sides;
- c) Explore the possibility of providing support to the African Union Commission and African States in the implementation of the African Commodities Strategy which aims to add value to African commodities and generate higher profits as well as to integrate into the global value chain;
- d) Establishment of a friendly business environment for the creation of joint ventures;
- e) Holding of joint trade fairs and exhibitions of products;

- f) Organizing trade fora through business confederations with the support and collaboration of official institutions;
- g) Sharing of information and promotion of common projects in areas promising development potential;
- h) Exploring the possibilities to support the common objectives of the parties to expand trade and investment volume from US\$30 billion in 2013 to US\$50 billion by 2019. In that regard, Turkey shall offer Tariff preferences and/or duty free privileges to African countries in line with its obligations arising from its Customs Union with the European Union. Turkey and African countries will encourage these activities without prejudice to their previous agreements with others parties;
- i) Sharing experiences and providing training programmes on improvement of the investment environment;
- j) Establishing Africa-Turkey business councils;
- k) Cooperation in the field of housing;
- l) Cooperation in the field of finance and banking;
- m) Cooperation in establishing industrial zones.

III. AGRICULTURE, AGRIBUSINESS, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT, AND SMALL AND MEDIUM SCALE ENTERPRISES

7. Considering that agriculture, agribusiness, rural development, water resources management, and small and medium scale enterprises hold great potential for uplifting Africa's socio-economic development and can contribute to increased trade relations between Africa and Turkey, the Parties agree to carry out the following activities:

- a) Exchanging visits and holding meetings of Ministers responsible for agriculture, agribusiness, rural development, and small and medium scale enterprises in order to explore cooperation opportunities and further develop existing cooperation;
- b) Exchanging information and experts and mutual visits and meetings between Small and Medium Enterprises Development Organization of the Ministry of Industry and Trade of Turkey and its counterparts in the African countries;

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- c) Sharing of experiences gained from the Rural Development Investments Support Programme of the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock of Turkey;
 - d) Cooperating on the preparation of Agriculture Master Plans in the African countries;
 - e) Training experts and cooperating on seed sowing and seedling cultivation, combat desertification, sand dune fixation works, the impact of climate changes on soil and water resources in African countries, water harvesting, drought, erosion and desertification;
 - f) Sharing knowledge and best practices of women's projects and experiences on agriculture;
 - g) Experience sharing and exchange of experts in the fields of "livestock breeding, animal disease and herd management at small and medium scale enterprises in Turkey and in Africa";
 - h) Cooperating on the experiments of phytosanitary;
 - i) Developing technical cooperation opportunities through fishing organizations in the field of offshore fishing;
 - j) Cooperate in the area of organic farming techniques specifically in the field of herbal and animal production;
 - k) Strengthening technical cooperation in water resource management projects in the areas of modern methods of irrigation, river basin management planning, water law and policy, geotechnical and groundwater and drilling water wells;
 - l) Providing technical support and cooperation on the issues of food safety practices, general hygiene, food safety inspection procedures;
 - m) Providing training for and exchange of experts on species rehabilitation and biological diversity;
 - n) Providing training and consultancy services concerning the establishment, maintenance, repairing and operation of meteorological observation systems in Africa;

- o) Organizing of short term training programmes by the Turkish private sector umbrella institutions for young African business people and Women entrepreneurs.

IV. HEALTH

8. Considering the importance of health in the development of both Turkey and Africa, the Parties agree to:

- a) Cooperate in fighting malnutrition and epidemics such as HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria, Ebola and other infectious diseases. In this regard, Turkey in cooperation with its private sector shall explore the possibility of collaboration in the framework of the Pan African Pharmaceutical Plan and exchange of information, in conformity with the relevant regulations;
- b) Cooperate in training for safe maternity, family planning and neonatal resuscitation;
- c) Support Turkish and African Non-Governmental Organizations operating in the area of health in Africa;
- d) Encourage visits of Turkish and African Health experts and officials to explore possible areas of cooperation in the health sector.

V. PEACE AND SECURITY

9. In view of the fact that peace and security are sine qua non conditions for development and cooperation, the Parties agree to:

- a) Share information, experiences, research and initiate capacity building through training and exchange programme in the area mentioned in the paragraph (c);
- b) Provide logistical and financial support to AU Peace Support Operations and the United Nations peacekeeping efforts in Africa and the operationalization of the AU Peace and Security Architecture including training and exchange programmes;
- c) Enhance cooperation, in the fight against terrorism, transnational organized crime, drug trafficking, migrant smuggling, human trafficking, money laundering and forgery and frauds as well as cybercrimes, including through collaboration among the African Centre for the Study and Research on Terrorism (ACSTR), the Turkish Centre of Excellence Defence Against Terrorism(COEDAT) based in Ankara, International

Centre for Terrorism and Transnational Crime (UTSAM), Turkish International Academy Against Drugs and Organized Crime (TADOC);

- d) Increase cooperation in the field of maritime security, also to include Maritime Capacity Building Efforts as required, in support of AU, RECs/Regional Mechanisms and, if necessary, with the support of the international organizations;
- e) Share experience and experts in the field of maritime security, including through training programmes, seminars, exercises conducted by the Maritime Security Center of Excellence (MARSEC COE) in Turkey and similar institutions in Africa;
- f) Encourage initiation and conclusion of Framework Agreements on Cooperation in Military Fields of Training, Technology and Science, as well as Military and Police Training Cooperation Agreements and Defence Industry Cooperation Agreements between Turkey and African countries;
- g) Share experience in the field of civil defence through training programmes jointly prepared to enhance capacity to combat national disasters, including chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear disasters;
- h) Encourage the exchange of visits by Ministers, Military Staff, Technical Experts to explore military cooperation in various defence and security areas;
- i) Establish joint mechanisms to counter terrorism, to suppress the finance of terrorism, and transnational crimes and for capacity building through training programs in TEMAK (Counter-Terrorism Academy) and similar institutions in Africa;
- j) Plan joint seminars and meetings among law enforcement officers and enhance mutual legal assistance through training programs.

VI. CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND MEDIATION

10. Keeping in mind the growing importance of preventive diplomacy and finding peaceful solutions to conflicts, the Parties agree to:

- a) Exchange views on the issues related to conflict prevention and resolution, mediation and facilitation;

- b) Explore potential areas for cooperation and consultations regarding the aforementioned issues.

VII. MIGRATION

11. Mindful of the fact that cooperation in the field of migration is essential for sustainable peace and security, the Parties agree to:

- a) Cooperate in the area of migration to encourage legal and lawful means of travel; tourism, trade and as such;
- b) Cooperate in the field of migration and development, through the establishment of preventive measures in the country of origin and the country of destination and create joint projects.

VIII. INFRASTRUCTURE, ENERGY, MINING AND TRANSPORT

12. Considering the vital importance of well-established infrastructure, such as modern transport facilities, telecommunication, sustainable energy and the role of investments in energy infrastructure, including promotion of renewable energy and energy efficiency and improving the management of energy resources in the socio-economic development of Africa and Turkey, the Parties agree to:

- a) Cooperate to support the goals and objectives of 'the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa' (PIDA);
- b) Cooperate in the fields of infrastructure, transportation, information and communication technologies water and sanitation;
- c) Cooperate in enhancing energy infrastructure in Africa with a view to further develop the energy industry in Africa including the promotion of renewable energy and improved energy efficiency, clean technologies, i.e. solar, wind, geothermal energy, bio-fuel and other renewable energies;
- d) Promote the cooperation between Turkish energy companies including state-owned and private companies, and national petroleum and natural gas companies in African countries with a view to exploring opportunities of oil, oil products and natural gas trading for the benefit of both sides;
- e) Improve institutional and technical capacities of African countries in the energy and mining sector by facilitating contacts and exchange know-how and expertise such as technical training, personal training and site tours between relevant Turkish institutions and their African counterparts

and also cooperate in the field of effective management of mining resources;

- f) Cooperate in the fields of engineering and pre-construction and construction of oil and natural gas pipelines;
- g) Cooperate in every segment of the electrical sector (generation, transmission, distribution) to increase the access by the African population to electricity;
- h) Cooperate in the field of mining and mineral processing technologies, to accelerate the industrialization of Africa, to the mutual benefit of both Parties;
- i) Cooperate in the development of aviation infrastructure as well as increasing of flights between Africa and Turkey;
- j) Exchange visits and hold meetings of Ministers responsible for Energy during the period of this implementation Plan.

IX. CULTURE, TOURISM AND EDUCATION

13. Considering that culture, education, science and tourism can contribute to the socio-economic development and cooperation between Africa and Turkey, the Parties agree to:

- a) Encourage African and Turkish academic institutions to exchange languages instructors and/or students to promote indigenous African and Turkish languages;
- b) Encourage cooperation between the academic institutions of both sides, especially on the training of the youth in diplomacy ;
- c) Encourage conclusion of agreements on culture and tourism in order to undertake joint projects in both areas;
- d) Encourage realization of joint programmes and activities in the fields of education, science and technology;
- e) Encourage the establishment of twining arrangements between African and Turkish cities and municipalities;

- f) Encourage the establishment of Turkish-African universities in African countries or Turkology institutes in African universities or faculties of African studies in Turkish Institutes of higher learning.

X. MEDIA, INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES

14. In view of the catalytic role that media and information and communication technology is playing in advancing development, the Parties agree to:

- a) Encourage the production and broadcasting of programmes, including films and dramas produced by Turkish and African producers;
- b) Provide training for young African journalists and media members;
- c) Organize a Turkish-Africa Media Forum during the period of this Implementation Plan;
- d) Support African centres operating in the field of ICT.

XI. ENVIRONMENT

15. The parties agree to the following activities in this field:

- a) Increase cooperation and consultations on adaptation to climate change issues within multilateral context;
- b) Encourage projects and training programmes, in the field of environmental protection including water pollution, waste water management, waste management, marine pollution, waste reception facilities and air pollution.

XII. YOUTH AND SPORT

16. Considering the importance of youth and sport in the social development of Turkey and the African countries, the Parties agree to:

- a) Determine joint policies towards development of Turkish and African youth by establishing joint research teams to be constituted by experts and researchers;
- b) Encourage joint projects in the fields of youth and sports including competitions and games between Turkish and African sports clubs;

- c) Promote youth exchanges between African countries and Turkey, including sports disciplines of disabled people and youth groups.

XIII. IMPLEMENTATION AND FOLLOW-UP MECHANISM

17. The parties decide to establish a follow-up mechanism at several levels based on the principles contained in the Istanbul Declaration and the Framework of Cooperation of 2008 as follows:

- 1) The Africa-Turkey Summit will be held every five (5) years in Africa and in Turkey, on a rotational basis, and will be co-chaired by the Chairperson of the African Union and the President of the Turkish side.
- 2) A Ministerial Review Conference that will meet every third year in the period between Summits to assess and evaluate the progress of implementation of the Joint Implementation Plan Africa-Turkey partnership 2015-2019, priority projects contained in the Matrix and prepare for the Summit meeting.
- 3) A meeting of Senior Officials that will take place twice in between two summits to review the progress of implementation of agreed priority projects, disseminate information about cooperation arrangements, propose new initiatives and report to and prepare for the Ministerial Review Conference.
- 4) The meetings both at Ministerial and Senior Officials levels shall be organized in Africa and in Turkey on an alternate basis within the framework laid out by the First Africa -Turkey Cooperation Summit.
- 5) With regard to the issue of financing of the partnership, the two Parties agree to take up their responsibilities to contribute to the financing of the Partnership.
- 6) Mandate the AU Commission to coordinate with the Turkish side the Joint implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the Partnership.