

AGREEMENT ON TECHNICAL COOPERATION

IN THE FIELD OF WATER

BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF MOROCCO

The Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco, hereinafter referred to as "the Contracting Parties",

- Considering the existing ties of friendship between their two countries and keen on further reinforcing them ;
- Convinced that a better coordination of their efforts of cooperation and exchange of experience in the field of water will contribute to the economic and social development of their countries ;
- Conscious of the importance of protection, management and sustainable development of water resources for the benefit of their populations ;
- Desirous to promote a collaboration based on the exchange of experience and the consolidation of the capacities of human resources concerning development, management and protection of water resources;

Have agreed on the following :

Objectives

Article 1

The aim of this agreement is to promote the activities of mutual training, cooperation and exchange of technical personnel on water resources, development and management activities pursuant to the technical cooperation agreement in the field of water by taking into account equality and mutual interest and set out the technical principles to reach this objective.

Implementing Parties

Article 2

The Parties responsible for the implementation of this agreement are the General Directorate of State Hydraulic Works (DSI) of the Ministry of Environment and Forestry on behalf of the Republic of Turkey, and the Secretariat of State to the Ministry of Energy, Mining, Water and Environment, in charge of Water and Environment on behalf of the Kingdom of Morocco.

Content

Article 3

The content of the present Technical Cooperation Agreement in the field of Water includes mainly the following issues :

- 3.1 Further enhance friendly relations and improve understanding between both sides ;
- 3.2 Exchange of knowledge about organizational and structural framework on hydraulic works in both countries ;
- 3.3 Exchange of acquired knowledge and experience in planning, projects, construction and running of hydraulic works ;
 - 3.3.1 Bilateral cooperation on protection and management of water resources, dam operation and water transfer projects ;
 - 3.3.2 Exchange of knowledge about new technologies and innovations on dam construction, exploitation and maintenance, including studies on water works supported with computer and satellite, and if available visiting pilot projects on site ;

- 3.3.3 Exchange of technical knowledge and experiences on resettlement of families affected by dam projects and expropriation issues ;
- 3.3.4 Exchange of knowledge and experience about techniques and technologies of implemented works on surface and ground water resources and management of hydraulic basins ;
- 3.4 Announce international technical training programs, seminars, conferences etc, to be organized in the field of water to the other side ;
- 3.5 Arrange short term training programs, and technical field trips, upon common agreement ;
- 3.6 When needed, exchange of knowledge and experience with universities, research institutes, laboratories and private firms studying/working in water sector ;
- 3.7 Exchange of knowledge and expertise on integrated water resources management including economic use of water, artificial recharge of aquifers, flood and drought management ;
- 3.8 Enhancing coordination and participation on international water events, including the 5th World Water Forum, as well as Regional Workshops;
- 3.9 Other aspects with mutual interest.

Bilateral Visits

Article 4

With respect of the present Technical Cooperation Agreement, both parties shall arrange visits for their staff on the basis of equality. For these visits :

- 4.1 The number of the participants and duration of the visit shall be determined by bilateral agreement,

4.2 In principle, all visitors' expenses during the study tours or training sessions shall be taken in charge by the sending party.

Implementation

Article 5

The Contracting Parties agree that the General Directorate of State Hydraulic Works (DSI) under the Ministry of Environment and Forestry on behalf of the Republic of Turkey, and the Secretariat of State to the Ministry of Energy, Mining, Water and Environment, in charge of Water and Environment on behalf of the Kingdom of Morocco, are focal points for coordinating and organizing the issues about bilateral activities.

Technical Cooperation in the field of water according to this Agreement shall be subject to the respective law, legal regulations and rules in force, in both countries. This technical cooperation shall be implemented respecting the international obligations of the Parties.

A Contracting Party shall neither publish data, information and results obtained within cooperation according to this agreement nor give them to other countries without the permission of the other Party.

Entry into Force

Article 6

The present Agreement shall come into effect, on the date following the receipt of the last written notification by which the Parties inform each other that the internal requirements for the entering into force of the Agreement have been completed. It has one year validity and could be revised if one or both Parties find it necessary. If there is no contact, it shall be automatically extended every year. Either Party may terminate this Agreement, at any time

after the expiry of the first period of one year, by giving a written notice of one month to the other Party, through diplomatic channels.

Done on 26th November 2008, at Rabat ,in Morocco, in two original copies, in Turkish, Arabic and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

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