## EDUCATION COOPERATION ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN

## THE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL EDUCATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY AND

## THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION OF NEW ZEALAND

The Ministry of National Education of the Republic of Turkey and the Ministry of Education of New Zealand ("the Sides");

*Inspired* by the common will to reinforce and deepen the friendly relations between their countries and peoples; and

Desiring to strengthen bilateral relations in the fields of general and vocational education and higher education;

## HAVE COME TO THE FOLLOWING UNDERSTANDINGS:

- 1. The Sides will exchange information on their respective education systems as the basis for strengthening the bilateral education relationship between the Sides. The information exchanged may include information on the education systems of each Side; qualifications and qualification systems of each Side; and education conferences, symposia and seminars being held in each country.
- 2. The Sides will exchange information on their qualifications and qualification systems to help determine conditions and criteria for the evaluation and recognition of degrees. This will include samples of certificates, titles, degrees and diplomas.
- 3. The Sides will inform each other about conferences, symposia and seminars relating to education which take place in their respective countries.
- 4. Where necessary, either Side may provide materials to facilitate the provision of accurate information and promote friendly relations between the two countries.
- 5. The Sides will encourage cooperation between their general, vocational and higher educational institutions and authorities, with a view to improving the knowledge of their respective education systems, policies and practices and to encourage joint learning opportunities.
- 6. The Sides will encourage institutions to exchange students and academic staff.
- 7. The Sides, in line with their common interests and financial possibilities, will encourage the exchange of experts and experience in the fields of general, vocational and higher education between their countries.
- 8. The Sides will encourage the sister school system, with a view to improving friendly relations between their teachers, students and communities and to developing joint activities between their schools.

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- 9. The Sides will encourage the participation of students of general education and vocational and technical education in international events taking place in their respective countries.
- 10. The Sides will encourage the cooperation between higher education institutions of both countries.
- 11. The Sides will exchange publications and documentation concerning the structure and organization of their respective higher education systems and institutions.
- 12. Where appropriate, the Sides may provide the relevant Language and Literature Departments established within the universities of each other with the necessary assistance, in terms of books, equipment, material and teaching staff, on a reciprocal basis.
- 13. Communication between the Sides regarding any activities instituted under the Arrangement requiring financial provisions will be carried out through diplomatic channels.
- 14. Either Side may request in writing an amendment to the Arrangement. Any such amendment accepted by both Sides and confirmed in writing through the diplomatic channel will come into effect on such date as may be determined by both Sides.
- 15. The Arrangement will come into effect on the date of signature by both Sides and will remain in effect for a period of five years. It will be automatically renewed for a further period of five years at a time, unless one of the Sides gives the other Side six months' notice in writing of its wish to terminate the Arrangement.

Signed on March, 12, 2008, in Ankara in English language.

On behalf of the Ministry of National Education of the Republic of Turkey

SALIH CELIK

DEPUTY SECRETARY

On behalf of the Ministry of Education of New Zealand

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