

AGREEMENT
ON TRADE AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE REPUBLIC OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA
AND
REPUBLIC OF TURKEY

The Government of The Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina and The Government of the Republic of Turkey (hereinafter referred to as the Contracting Parties),

- desiring to promote and diversify the mutually advantageous economic and commercial relations between their countries on a stable and balanced basis,

- aiming to strengthen further their friendly relations within the principles of equality, mutual respect and common benefits,

- taking into account the principles laid out in the Agreement on Friendship and Cooperation between the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Republic of Turkey, signed on February 4, 1994.

have agreed on the followings:

ARTICLE I

The Contracting Parties, in accordance with their national legislation in force, shall take the necessary measures in order to develop and diversify the mutual trade relations on a long term, stable and balanced basis and to expand economic cooperation within the framework of existing possibilities.

The Contracting Parties agreed to encourage and promote the exchange of goods and services, joint investments, and financial co-operation.

In this respect, both parties shall facilitate cooperation between their enterprises, especially in free trade zones. This cooperation also covers the conclusion of contracts regarding the activities in their countries and in the third markets.

ARTICLE II

The Contracting Parties shall grant each other the most favored-nation treatment with respect to customs duties and charges of any kind applied to imports and exports in their countries.

This provision shall not apply to:

- 1) Privileges granted to neighbouring countries to facilitate border trade.
- 2) Privileges which result from agreements leading or which may lead to a customs union or a free trade area to which either of the parties is or may hereafter become a party.
- 3) Privileges granted with the aim of creating special arrangements with developing countries in the field of economic and trade relations.

ARTICLE III

The Contracting Parties, in accordance with their national legislation, shall take the necessary measures to exempt from customs duties and taxes, the non-commercial samples imported into the country and the goods temporarily imported for the purpose of exhibition in fairs.

ARTICLE IV

The Contracting Parties, aiming to improve and diversify the bilateral trade between their countries, agreed to facilitate and accelerate the exchange of information, to encourage contacts between their businessmen and to support the participation in international exhibitions and fairs organized in their countries.

ARTICLE V

The Contracting Parties agreed to support the cooperation between their countries in the field of industry and technology.

Furthermore, the Contracting Parties identified, inter alia, the following areas as the possible fields of cooperation:

- mining and metallurgy,
- iron and steel industry,
- civil engineering, construction and contracting services,
- chemical industry,
- pharmaceuticals industry,
- forestry and wood industry,
- wood and non-metal finished products,
- textile industry,
- leather and footwear industry,
- metal processing industry,
- electric and electronic industry,
- informatics and production management,
- transport and communication,
- manufacture of vehicles,
- agriculture and food industry,
- tourism,
- handicraft.

ARTICLE VI

The Contracting Parties agreed to cooperate in reconstruction and development of industrial structure of Bosnia and Herzegovina as well as other infrastructure investments.

Both Parties shall treat favorably their companies willing to participate in such investments.

ARTICLE VII

All payments pertaining to imports and exports of goods and services between the two countries shall be effected in convertible currencies, unless otherwise agreed, in compliance with the legislation in force in each country.

ARTICLE VIII

Taking into account the importance of banking in developing mutual economic and commercial activities, the Contracting Parties agreed to promote the cooperation between the banks of their countries.

ARTICLE IX

The Contracting Parties agreed to recommend their relevant organizations to complete the legal framework that will improve trade and economic cooperation between the two countries by concluding the agreements on reciprocal promotion and protection of investments, avoidance of double taxation, telecommunication and transport, etc. as soon as possible.

ARTICLE X

The Contracting Parties decided to establish a Bosnia and Herzegovina - Turkish Joint Economic Commission in order to review the implementation of this Agreement, to examine the issues arising from its implementation and to make recommendations to their Governments for further expansion of bilateral economic and trade relations.

This Commission will be composed of the representatives appointed by their Governments and meet on mutually acceptable dates in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Turkey alternately.

ARTICLE XI

This Agreement does not affect the rights and obligations of the Contracting Parties resulting from bilateral and multilateral international agreements in force.

ARTICLE XII

Any dispute between the Contracting Parties relating to the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement shall be resolved by friendly consultations and negotiations in a reasonable period of time.

ARTICLE XIII

In the event of the termination of this Agreement, the provisions shall continue to apply with respect to any unfulfilled obligation under the contracts concluded during its period of its validity.

ARTICLE XIV

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date when the Contracting Parties notify each other at the diplomatic level, that the ratification procedures have been completed and shall remain in force for a period of five years.

This Agreement shall automatically be extended for successive periods of one year unless either of the Contracting Parties notify each other in writing to terminate the Agreement six months prior to its expiration.

Signed in Istanbul on 07. 11. 1995., in
two original copies in English.

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