

**In The Name of God**

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## **Article 1- PARTIES**

Throughout this Memorandum of Understanding the following phrases will refer to the explanations made:

- ISIPO: Iran Small Industries and Industrial Parks Organization
- KOSGEB: Small and Medium Enterprises Development Organization
- The Parties: ISIPO and KOSGEB
- Iranian SMEs: Small and Medium Sized Enterprises in Iran
- Turkish SMEs: Small and Medium Sized Enterprises in Turkey

## **Article 2- AIM OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

- 2.1 Improving economic and commercial cooperation between Iranian and Turkish SMEs
- 2.2 Contributing to the Iranian and Turkish SMEs for improving their competitive power in global markets

## **Article 3 – LEGAL BASIS**

The Iran-Turkey Joint Economic Commission, established in accordance with the Article 4 of the "Agreement between Islamic Republic of Iran and Republic of Turkey on Economic, Industrial and Technical Cooperation", signed on March 09, 1982, held its 21st Session on February 01-03, 2010 (corresponding to 12-14 Bahman 1388 according to Iranian calendar) in Ankara. It is acknowledged to strengthen mutual cooperation between Islamic Republic of Iran and Republic of Turkey by the article V-b/3 of the Memorandum of Understanding of the 21 Iran-Turkey Joint Economic Commission Periodical Meeting which was held in Ankara on February 1-3, 2010.

#### Article 4 - ACTIVITIES WHICH WILL BE REALISED

Each Party will, subject to the laws, rules, regulations and national policies governing the subject matter in their respective countries, endeavor to take necessary steps to encourage and promote technical cooperation as follows:

- 4.1 The Parties will share the knowledge and experience they possess to improve their institutional infrastructure and support mechanisms with the aim of improving SMEs and carry out the following joint activities:
  - The Parties' exchange of information about policies, measures and applications which aim to support SMEs
  - Exchange of experience for activities addressing SMEs
  - Exchange of data and publications for SMEs (excluding corporate information about companies)
- 4.2 The Parties will organize informing programs for SMEs and SME related organizations.
- 4.3 Both Parties will assist each other in developing entrepreneurship including: studying and proposing establishment of entrepreneurship centers, training entrepreneurship instructors, holding entrepreneurship workshops, and similar items regarding entrepreneurship.
- 4.4 Both Parties will cooperate in sharing experiences on Small Industries, and Industrial Cluster Development Programs through holding training workshops, seminars, conferences and etc. on mutually agreed terms.
- 5 Both Parties expressed their readiness on transferring technology to the other side on design, feasibility study consultancy, industrial workshop, TBSCs (Technology and Business Service Centers), in separate contracts.
- 4.6 The Parties will cooperate with participated international organizations for the benefit of SMEs and will support preparation of joint projects.
- 4.7 Both Parties will facilitate indigenous technology transfer in specific industrial sectors.
- 4.8 Both Parties will facilitate exchange business missions to help initiate business alliances between Small Industries of Iran and Turkey. Therefore, each side will organize one to one meetings and industry visits in their respective countries for SMEs.
- 4.9 Both Parties will exchange and disseminate information on goods, services and partnerships / joint venture possibilities for the small industries of both countries.
- 4.10 Both Parties will assist each other in holding virtual exhibitions at their respective websites regarding products and services offered by SMEs in both countries as well as creating linkages between both Parties' websites.
- 4.11 Both Parties agreed to inform and facilitate participation of their SMEs Units in related industrial and commercial exhibitions in their respective countries.

## Article 5- EFFECT AND ENFORCEMENT

- 5.1 This Memorandum of Understanding is concluded with a view to enhancing and developing cooperation between the Parties and does not constitute an agreement binding upon the States of the Parties under international law. No provision of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be interpreted and implemented as creating legal rights or commitments for the states of the Parties.
- 5.2 The Parties are responsible from the execution of this Memorandum of Understanding on the basis of equality and mutual benefit. The Parties shall appoint a coordinating officer within their respective organizations who shall be coordinating matters relating to this Memorandum of Understanding. The Parties shall work out the practical detail of cooperation between both Parties by consulting each other through designated contact person to ensure the proper and effective implementation of cooperation areas of this Memorandum of Understanding as agreed upon in Article 4.
- 5.3 The expenditures of the visits of delegations within the Framework of Cooperation cannot create any financial obligation for the Party which accepts the delegation.

All the material, data, documents and information attained within this Memorandum of Understanding will be protected, used and operated by the Parties. Access of third Parties to mentioned material, data, documents and information will only be possible with the consensus of the Parties.

- 5.5 The Parties might add new articles or take out existing or added articles from this Memorandum of Understanding through written mutual consent.
- 5.6 The protection of intellectual property rights shall be enforced in conformity with the respective national laws, rules and regulations of Iran and Turkey and with other international agreements signed by both countries. The intellectual property rights in respect of any technological development and any products and services development carried out jointly by the Parties or research results obtained jointly shall be jointly owned by the Parties and solely and separately by a Party or the research results obtained through the sole and separate effort of a Party, shall be solely owned by the Party concerned.
- 5.7 Each Party reserves the right for reasons of national security, national interest, public order or public health to suspend temporarily, either in whole or in part, the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding which suspension shall take effect immediately after written notification has been given to the other Party.
- 5.8 Either Party, and subject to mutual agreement between both Parties may invite the participation of a third Party in the joint activities, programs and/or projects being carried out under this Memorandum of Understanding upon the agreement of the other Party. In carrying out such joint activities, programs and/or projects, the Parties shall ensure that the third Party shall comply with the provision of this Memorandum of Understanding.

- 5.9 This Memorandum of Understanding does not preclude either Party from entering into any similar arrangement with any other Party.
- 5.10 This Memorandum of Understanding enters into force on the date it is signed. This Memorandum of Understanding will remain in operation for a period of three (3) years. The Parties shall notify the other Party if there is a change of address or entity by giving a written notice within fourteen (14) days.
- 5.11 Any inconvenience regarding the interpretation and application of this Memorandum of Understanding will be solved by consultations between the Parties. In case of disobedience to the articles of this Memorandum of Understanding by either of the Parties, the other Party may terminate this Memorandum of Understanding by notifying the other Party of its intention in writing through diplomatic channels at least one (1) month prior to the termination.
- 5.12 The validity period of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be extended by three-year periods unless one of the Parties notifies in writing two months before the date of expiry that the Memorandum of Understanding be terminated.
- 5.13 This Memorandum of Understanding which consists of five articles has been signed on the date of April 7, 2015 in English in Tehran in two original copies and shall remain in effect for a period of three years.

Meanwhile, the Farsi and Turkish versions of this Memorandum of Understanding will be prepared, signed and exchanged after obtaining required approvals through diplomatic channels. In the event of discrepancy, the English text shall prevail.

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