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**United Nations (United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and  
the Empowerment of Women)  
and  
Turkey**

**Agreement between the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women ("UN Women") and the Government of the Republic of Turkey concerning the establishment of the UN Women Regional Office for the Europe and the Central Asia region in Istanbul. New York, 28 February 2014**

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**Nations Unies (Entité des Nations Unies pour l'égalité des sexes et  
l'autonomisation des femmes)  
et  
Turquie**

**Accord entre l'Entité des Nations Unies pour l'égalité des sexes et l'autonomisation de la femme (« ONU Femmes ») et le Gouvernement de la République de Turquie concernant l'établissement du bureau régional d'ONU Femmes pour l'Europe et l'Asie centrale à Istanbul. New York, 28 février 2014**

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[ TEXT IN ENGLISH – TEXTE EN ANGLAIS ]

**Agreement**  
**between**  
**the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (“UN Women”)**  
**and**  
**the Government of the Republic of Turkey**  
**concerning the establishment of**  
**the UN Women Regional Office for the Europe and the Central Asia Region in Istanbul**

WHEREAS the General Assembly by decision 64/289 of 21 July 2010 established, as a composite entity, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (hereinafter referred to as “UN Women”), by consolidating and transferring to the Entity the existing mandates and functions of the Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women and the Division for the Advancement of Women of the Secretariat, as well as those of the United Nations Development Fund for Women and the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, to function as a secretariat and also to carry out operational activities at the country level;

WHEREAS UN Women is, in Europe and the Central Asia region, providing through its normative support functions and operational activities, guidance and technical support, across all levels of development and in all regions, on gender equality, the empowerment and rights of women and gender mainstreaming;

RECALLING that UN Women decided that the assistance it provides to countries on gender equality and the empowerment of women through its country offices, including in the Europe and the CIS region, is best supported by devolving managerial and programme oversight of country and multi-country offices, quality assurance, technical and operational support and policy advice and, knowledge-sharing to the regional level;

RECALLING that that the Executive Board of UN Women endorsed the regional architecture of UN Women including the establishment of a Regional Centre in the Europe and the Central Asia region;

RECALLING that UN Women seeks to establish a Regional Office for Europe and the Central Asia Region, headed by a Director, within the Republic of Turkey in Istanbul;

WHEREAS the Government of the Republic of Turkey (hereinafter referred to as “the Government”) welcomes the establishment of the UN Women Regional Office for Europe and the Central Asia Region in Istanbul;

WHEREAS the Government agrees to grant the UN Women Regional Office for Europe and the Central Asia Region (hereinafter referred to as the "UN Women Regional Office") all the necessary privileges, immunities, exemptions and facilities to enable it to perform its functions; and

RECALLING that the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 13 February 1946 and to which Turkey acceded on 22 August 1950, shall apply to the UN Women Regional Office, its premises, funds and assets as well as to its personnel and their official activities in the Republic of Turkey;

NOW, THEREFORE UN Women and the Government, hereinafter collectively referred to as "the Parties" and each as a "Party", have entered into this Agreement in a spirit of friendly co-operation:

### **Article I Definitions**

For the purposes of this Agreement,

- (a) "Host Country" means Turkey;
- (b) "Head of the UN Women Regional Office" means the official who is the director of the UN Women Regional Office;
- (c) "Experts on Mission" means persons, other than officials of the UN Women Regional Office, performing missions at the request of or on behalf of the UN Women Regional Office;
- (d) "Officials of the UN Women Regional Office" means all United Nations staff members assigned to service the UN Women Regional Office, irrespective of nationality, with the exception of those who are locally recruited and paid hourly rates, as provided for in United Nations General Assembly resolution 76(1) of 7 December 1946;
- (e) "Persons performing services" means contractors, consultants and individuals under assignment by the United Nations Volunteers Programme (a United Nations Organization), performing services in the execution of the UN Women Regional Office's functions;
- (f) "Dependent members of the family" means children below the age of 21 or economically dependent on an Official;
- (g) "The General Convention" means the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations adopted by the General Assembly on 13 February 1946, to which the Host Country is a Party;

- (h) “Competent authorities” means such national or local governmental authorities under the laws and regulations of the Host Country;
- (i) “Premises of the UN Women Regional Office” means the building or part of building occupied permanently or temporarily by the UN Women Regional Office or by Meetings convened in the Host Country by the UN Women Regional Office, and as defined in any supplemental agreements to this Agreement, including any other land, buildings or platforms that may from time to time be included, temporarily or permanently, in accordance with this Agreement or by supplemental agreements entered into with the Government;
- (j) “Archives of the UN Women Regional Office” means all records, correspondence, documents, manuscripts, computer records, still and motion pictures, film and sound recordings, belonging to or held by the UN Women Regional Office in furtherance of its functions;
- (k) “Property of the UN Women Regional Office” means all property, including funds, income and other assets belonging to the UN Women Regional Office or held or administered by the UN Women Regional Office in furtherance of the functions of the UN Women Regional Office;
- (l) “The Secretary-General” means the Secretary-General of the United Nations;
- (m) “UNV” means an individual under assignment by the United Nations Volunteers Programme (a United Nations Organization), as referred to in (e) above;
- (n) “Framework Agreement” means the Framework Agreement between the United Nations and the Republic of Turkey on Arrangements Regarding Privileges and Immunities and Certain Other Matters Concerning United Nations Conferences and Meetings Held in Turkey (dated 23 February 2012).

## **Article II**

### **Establishment of the UN Women Regional Office**

The seat of the UN Women Regional Office shall be established in Istanbul, Turkey, to carry out the functions of a regional office for UN Women.

## **Article III**

### **Juridical Personality**

1. The UN Women Regional Office shall possess juridical personality in the Host Country. It shall have the capacity:

- (a) to contract;
- (b) to acquire and dispose of immovable and movable property;
- (c) to institute legal proceedings.

2. For the purposes of this Agreement, the UN Women Regional Office shall be represented by the Head of the UN Women Regional Office.

#### **Article IV Purpose and Scope of the Agreement**

1. (a) This Agreement regulates the status of the UN Women Regional Office premises, officials, experts on mission and persons performing services in the Host Country;
- (b) This Agreement sets out the arrangements necessary for the effective discharge of the functions by the UN Women Regional Office;
- (c) Any building in the Host Country which may be used with the concurrence of the Government for meetings, seminars, training courses, symposiums, workshops and similar activities organized by the UN Women Regional Office shall be temporarily included in the seat of the UN Women Regional Office. For all such meetings, seminars, training courses, symposiums, workshops and similar activities organized by the UN Women Regional Office, the present Agreement shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

#### **Article V Application of the General Convention**

The General Convention shall be applicable to the UN Women Regional Office, its property, funds and assets, and to its officials, experts on mission in the Host Country.

#### **Article VI Inviolability of the UN Women Regional Office**

1. (a) The UN Women Regional Office shall be inviolable and its property and assets, wherever located and by whomsoever held, shall enjoy immunity from every form of legal process, except insofar as in any particular case immunity shall have expressly been waived in accordance with the General Convention. No waiver of immunity from legal process shall extend to any measure of execution;
- (b) No officer or official of the Host Country or person exercising any public authority within the Host Country, shall enter the premises of the UN Women Regional Office to perform

any duties therein except with the consent of, and under the conditions approved by the Head of the UN Women Regional Office. In case of a fire or other emergency requiring prompt protection action, the consent of the Head of the UN Women Regional Office to any necessary entry into the premises shall be presumed if he or she cannot be reached in time;

(c) The premises and facilities of the Office can be used for meetings, seminars, exhibitions and other related purposes which are organized by the UN Women Regional Office, the United Nations or other related organizations;

(d) The premises of the UN Women Regional Office shall not be used in any manner incompatible with the purpose and scope of the UN Women Regional Office, as set forth in Article IV above.

2. The archives of the UN Women Regional Office, and in general all documents and materials made available, belonging to or used by it, wherever located in the Host Country and by whomsoever held, shall be inviolable.

#### **Article VII Security and Protection**

1. The competent authorities shall ensure the security and protection of the premises of the UN Women Regional Office and exercise due diligence to ensure that the tranquillity of the UN Women Regional Office premises is not disturbed by the unauthorized entry of persons or groups of persons from outside or by disturbances in its immediate vicinity. If so requested by the Head of the UN Women Regional Office, the competent authorities shall provide necessary protection and assistance for the preservation of law and order in the UN Women Regional Office premises or in its immediate vicinity, and for the removal of persons therefrom.

2. The competent authorities, upon request of the UN Women Regional Office, shall take effective and adequate action which may be required to ensure the appropriate security, safety and protection of persons referred to in this Agreement, in the discharge of their official functions or work for the UN Women Regional Office, indispensable for the proper functioning of the UN Women Regional Office free from interference of any kind.

#### **Article VIII Public Services**

1. The competent authorities shall facilitate, upon request of the Head of the UN Women Regional Office and under terms and conditions not less favourable than those accorded by the Government to any accredited diplomatic mission, access to the public services needed by the UN Women Regional Office such as, but not limited to, utility, power and communications services.

2. In cases where public services referred to in paragraph 1, above, are made available to the UN Women Regional Office by the competent authorities or where the prices thereof are under their control, the rate for such services shall not exceed the lowest comparable rates accorded to accredited diplomatic missions.
3. In case of force majeure, resulting in a complete or partial disruption of the above-mentioned services, the UN Women Regional Office shall, for the performance of its functions, be accorded the same priority given to essential governmental agencies and organs.
4. The provisions of this Article shall not prevent the reasonable application of fire protection or sanitary regulations of the Host Country.

#### **Article IX Communications Facilities**

1. The UN Women Regional Office shall enjoy, for its official communications, treatment not less favourable than that accorded by the Host Country to any other Government, including the latter's diplomatic mission, in the matter of priorities, rates and taxes on mails, cables, telegrams, radiograms, telephotos, telephone and other communication and press rates for information to the press and radio.
2. The Government shall secure the inviolability of the official communications of the UN Women Regional Office, whatever the means of the communications employed, and shall not apply any censorship to such communications.
3. The UN Women Regional Office shall have the right to operate software and other programmes, communication equipment, including telecommunications (meaning any emission, transmission or reception of written or verbal information, images, sound or information of any nature by wire, radio, satellite, optical, fibre or any other electronic or electromagnetic means) and to use codes and to dispatch and receive correspondence by couriers and bags. The bags must bear visibly the United Nations emblem and may contain only documents or articles intended for official use, and the courier shall be provided with a courier certificate issued by the United Nations.

#### **Article X Funds, Assets and Other Property; Official vehicles of the UN Women Regional Office**

1. The UN Women Regional Office, its funds, assets and other property, wherever located and by whomsoever held, shall enjoy immunity from every form of legal process except in so far as in any particular case the United Nations has expressly waived its immunity. It is understood, however, that no waiver of immunity shall extend to any measure of execution.

2. The property and assets of the UN Women Regional Office shall be exempt from restrictions, regulations, controls and moratoria of any nature.
3. The Government shall grant allotments of gasoline or other lubricating oils tax free for vehicles required for the official use of the UN Women Regional Office.
4. Without being restricted by financial controls, regulations or moratoria of any kind, the UN Women Regional Office, in order to carry out its activities:
  - (a) May hold and use funds, currency or negotiable instruments of any kind and maintain and operate accounts in any currency and convert any currency held by it into any other currency;
  - (b) Shall be free to receive and transfer its funds or currency from the Host Country to another country, or within the Host Country, to UN Women or any other UN agency;
  - (c) Shall enjoy the most favourable, legally available rate of exchange for its financial transactions.
5. Upon request of the UN Women Regional Office, diplomatic plates will be provided for vehicles owned by the UN Women Regional Office for official purposes, in accordance with the applicable regulations of the host country.

#### **Article XI**

#### **Exemption from Taxes, Duties, Import or Export Restrictions**

1. The UN Women Regional Office, its assets, funds and other property shall enjoy:
  - (a) Exemption from all direct taxes as well as exemption from Value Added Tax (VAT) and property tax, in connection with the official activities of the UN Women Regional Office; it being understood, however, that the UN Women Regional Office shall not request exemption from taxes which are in fact no more than charges for public utility services rendered by the competent authorities or by a corporation under the laws and regulations of the Government at a fixed rate according to the amount of services rendered;
  - (b) Exemption from customs duties and prohibitions and restrictions on imports and exports in respect of articles imported or exported by the UN Women Regional Office for its official use. It is understood, however, that articles imported under such exemption will not be sold in the Host Country into which they were imported except under conditions agreed with the Government of the Host Country;



(c) Exemption from all limitations and restrictions on the import or export of publications, still and moving pictures, films, tapes, diskettes, compact disks and other similar medium and sound recordings imported, exported or published by the UN Women Regional Office within the framework of its official activities.

## **Article XII**

### **Participants in United Nations Meetings**

1. Representatives of Members of the United Nations invited to meetings, seminars, training courses, symposiums, workshops and similar activities organized by the UN Women Regional Office and other related organizations shall, while exercising their functions, enjoy the privileges and immunities as set out in Article IV of the General Convention.

2. The Government, in accordance with relevant United Nations principles and practices and the present Agreement, shall respect the complete freedom of expression of all participants of meetings, seminars, training courses, symposiums, workshops and similar activities organized by the UN Women Regional Office and other related organizations, to which the General Convention shall be applicable. All participants and persons performing functions in connection with the meetings, seminars, training courses, symposiums, workshops and similar activities organized by the UN Women Regional Office and other related organizations shall enjoy such privileges, immunities and facilities as are necessary for the independent exercise of their participation and functions, including immunity from legal process in respect of words spoken and acts done in connection with such meetings, seminars, training courses, symposiums, workshops and similar activities.

## **Article XIII**

### **Officials of the UN Women Regional Office**

1. Officials shall enjoy the following privileges, immunities and facilities in the Host Country:

(a) Immunity from legal process in respect of words spoken or written and all acts performed by them in their official capacity. Such immunity shall continue in force after termination of employment with UN Women or the United Nations;

(b) Immunity from personal arrest or detention and from seizure of their personal and official effects and baggage for acts performed in the discharge of their functions except in case of flagrante delicto, and in such cases the competent authorities shall immediately inform the Head of the UN Women Regional Office of the arrest, detention or seizure;

(c) Exemption from taxation on the salaries and emoluments paid to them by the United Nations; exemption from taxation on all income and property, for themselves and for their

spouses and dependent members of their families in so far as such income derives from sources, or in so far as such property is located outside the Host Country;

(d) Exemption from any military service obligations or any other obligatory service in the Host Country;

(e) Exemption, for themselves, their spouses, dependent members of their families and other relatives dependent on them, from immigration restrictions or alien registration procedures;

(f) Exemption for themselves for the purpose of official business from any restriction on movement and travel inside the Host Country and a similar exemption for themselves and for their spouses and dependent members of their families for recreation in accordance with arrangements agreed upon between the Head of UN Women Regional Office and the competent authorities;

(g) In regard to accounts held in either local or foreign currencies, enjoyment of facilities at least equal to the ones accorded to members of diplomatic missions accredited to the Host Country;

(h) The same protection and repatriation facilities with respect to themselves, their spouses, dependent members of their families and other relatives dependent on them as are accorded in time of international crisis to diplomatic envoys;

(i) The right to import for their personal use, free of customs duties and all taxes (including value added and sales tax) prohibitions and restrictions on imports:

i. Within six months of taking up residence in the host country, their furniture, household and personal effects and the right to re-export such materials without customs duty or taxes on the completion of their functions in the Host Country. Such material shall not be for sale in the local market without paying customs duty or any other applicable tax. The Government shall give due consideration to any request for extension or waiver of the six-month period that is substantiated by the Official concerned and supported by the UN Women Regional Office;

ii. In accordance with the existing Government regulations, one automobile at a time. Automobiles imported in accordance with this provision may be sold in the Host Country at any time after their importation, subject to the applicable regulations of the Host Country;

iii. Reasonable quantities of certain articles including liquor, tobacco and foodstuff, for personal use or consumption and not for gift or sale, in accordance with existing Government regulations;

- (j) Exemption from all vehicles tax and related taxes;
- (k) Officials shall be entitled, on the completion of their functions in the Host Country, to export their furniture, house ware and personal effects, including motor vehicles, without duties and taxes;
- (l) For themselves, their spouses and dependent members of their families, on terms not less favourable than citizens of the Host Country, the right of access to universities and other institutions of higher education, in accordance with the applicable entry requirements for such institutions, for the purpose of obtaining graduate and post-graduate degrees and related training leading to the attainment of the relevant educational and professional qualifications required in the Host Country.
- (m) For themselves, their spouses and dependent members of their families, the right to use diplomatic channels at the time of travel, including passport check, at airports in the Host Country.

2. Officials of Turkish nationality or with permanent residency status in the Host Country shall enjoy only those privileges and immunities provided for in Section 18 of the General Convention, subject to reservations established by the Host Country on accession to the Convention.

3. In accordance with the provisions of Section 17 of the General Convention, the competent authorities shall be periodically informed of the names of the officials assigned to the UN Women Regional Office.

#### **Article XIV**

##### **Head and Deputy Head of the UN Women Regional Office**

1. Without prejudice to the provisions of the above Article, the Head and Deputy Head of the UN Women Regional Office as well as their spouses and dependent family members shall enjoy during their residence in the Host Country the privileges, immunities and facilities granted to diplomatic envoys in accordance with the Vienna Convention and applicable international law. Their names shall be included in the diplomatic list.

2. The privileges, immunities and facilities referred to in paragraph 1 above shall also be accorded to a spouse and dependent members of the family of the officials concerned.

**Article XV**  
**Experts on Mission**

1. Experts, other than officials, on mission for the UN Women Regional Office, shall be granted the privileges, immunities and facilities specified in Articles VI and VII of the General Convention.

2. Experts on mission shall be granted exemption from taxation on the salaries and other emoluments paid to them by the UN Women Regional Office, and may be accorded such additional privileges, immunities and facilities as maybe agreed upon between the Parties through a supplementary agreement.

3. Experts on mission of Turkish nationality or with permanent residency status in the Host Country shall enjoy only those privileges and immunities that come within the scope of Articles VI and VII of the General Convention.

**Article XVI**  
**Persons performing services**

Persons performing services for the UN Women Regional Office shall be granted the same privileges and immunities as are provided for and granted to persons performing services for the UNDP Country Office in Turkey under the relevant legal framework for that Office.

**Article XVII**  
**Locally-recruited personnel assigned to hourly rates**

The terms and conditions of employment for persons recruited locally and assigned to hourly rates shall be in accordance with the relevant United Nations resolutions, decisions, regulations and rules and policies of the competent organs of the United Nations, including UN Women.

**Article XVIII**  
**Waiver of Immunity**

Privileges and immunities referred to in Articles XIII through XVIII above are granted to the relevant personnel or experts on mission in the interest of the United Nations and not for their personal benefit. The right and the duty to waive the immunity of these persons, in any case where it can be waived without prejudice to the interests of the United Nations shall lie with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

**Article XIX**

**Entry into, exit from, movement and sojourn within the Host Country**

1. The Government shall take all necessary measures to facilitate and ensure the unimpeded entry into, exit from, sojourn and free movement within the Host Country for all persons referred to in Articles XIII, XIV, XV, and UNVs.
2. All participants in meetings, seminars, training courses, symposiums, workshops and similar activities organized by the UN Women Regional Office shall have the rights of entry and exit from the Host Country in accordance with Article IV of the Framework Agreement.
3. The Government shall do its utmost to facilitate the entry into and exit from, sojourn and free movement within the Host Country for all person performing services, except UNVs whose treatment shall be in accordance with paragraph (1) above.

**Article XX**

**United Nations Laissez-Passer, Certificates and Visas**

1. The Government shall recognize and accept the United Nations laissez-passer issued to Officials as a valid travel document;
2. In accordance with the provisions of Section 26 of the General Convention, the competent authorities shall recognize and accept the United Nations certificate issued to experts and other persons travelling on the business of the United Nations.
3. All persons referred to in this Agreement shall be granted facilities for speedy travel. Visas, entry permits or licenses, where required, shall be granted free of charge and as promptly as possible to the persons referred to in this Agreement, their spouses and dependent members of their families and other persons invited to the UN Women Regional Office in connection with the official work and activities of the UN Women Regional Office.
4. The Government further agrees to facilitate the issuance of any required visas in other United Nations travel certificates.
5. Similar facilities to those specified in paragraphs 3 and 4 above, shall be accorded to experts on mission and other persons who, though not the holders of United Nations laissez-passer, are confirmed by the UN Women Regional Office as travelling on official business of the United Nations.

**Article XXI**  
**Identification Cards**

1. All officials of the UN Women Regional Office shall be granted identity cards by the appropriate authorities of the Host Country as provided to international organizations.
2. Any other individuals holding UN certificates shall be granted temporary identity cards by the appropriate authorities of the Host Country subject to a minimum period of service to be agreed upon between the office and the Host Country.
3. Upon the demand of an authorized official of the competent authorities, persons referred to in paragraph 1 above shall be required to present, but not to surrender, their identification cards.

**Article XXII**  
**Flags, Emblem and Markings**

The UN Women Regional Office shall be entitled to display the United Nations or UN Women flag, logo, emblem and markings in the UN Women Regional Office premises and on vehicles used for official purposes.

**Article XXIII**  
**Social Security**

1. UN Women and the Government agree that, owing to the fact that officials of the United Nations are subject to the United Nations Staff Regulations and Rules, including Article VI thereof, which establish a comprehensive social security scheme, the United Nations and its officials, irrespective of nationality, shall be exempt from the laws of the host country on mandatory coverage and compulsory contributions to the social security schemes of Turkey during their appointment with UN Women.
2. The provisions of paragraph 1 above shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the members of families forming part of the household of persons referred to in paragraph 1 above, unless they are employed or self-employed in the Host Country or receive social security benefits from the Host Country.

**Article XXIV**  
**Access to the labour market for family members and  
issuance of visas and residence permits to household employees**

1. The competent authorities shall grant working permits for spouses of officials assigned to the UN Women Regional Office whose duty station is in the Host Country, and their children

forming part of their household who are under 21 years of age or economically dependent. The regulations of the Host Country shall apply in connection to granting of such permits. Insofar as they engage in gainful occupation, privileges and immunities shall not apply with respect to such occupation.

2. The competent authorities shall issue visas and residence permits and any other documents, where required, to household employees of officials assigned to the UN Women Regional Office as speedily as possible.

#### **Article XXV**

##### **Cooperation with the Competent Authorities**

1. Without prejudice to the privileges and immunities accorded by this Agreement, it is the duty of all persons enjoying such privileges and immunities to respect the laws and regulations of the Host Country, and not to interfere in the internal affairs of the Host Country.

2. Without prejudice to the privileges and immunities referred to in this Agreement, the UN Women Regional Office shall cooperate at all times with the competent authorities to facilitate the proper administration of justice, secure the observance of police regulations and prevent the occurrence of any abuse in connection with the facilities, privileges and immunities accorded to persons referred to in the present Agreement.

#### **Article XXVI**

##### **Liability**

1. The Government shall be responsible for dealing with any action, claim or other demand against UN Women or its officials arising out of injury to persons or damage or loss of property in premises provided to UN Women Regional Office by the Government.

2. With respect to any meetings, seminars, training courses, symposiums, workshops and similar activities organized by the UN Women Regional Office, the provisions of Article VIII of the Framework Agreement shall apply.

3. The Government shall indemnify and hold harmless UN Women and its officials in respect of any such action, claim or other demand referred to above, except where it is agreed by the Parties that such actions or claims arise from gross negligence or wilful misconduct of such persons.

**Article XXVII**  
**Supplemental Arrangements**

1. Arrangements of an administrative and financial nature concerning the UN Women Regional Office may be made by supplemental agreements, as appropriate.
2. The Parties may enter into any other supplemental agreements as the Parties may deem appropriate. Any other supplemental agreements that the Parties may agree shall enter into force in accordance with the same legal procedure prescribed under Article XXIX.5 below.

**Article XXVIII**  
**Settlement of disputes**

1. The UN Women shall make provisions for appropriate methods of settlement of:
  - (a) Disputes arising out of contracts and disputes of a private law character to which the UN Women Regional Office is a party; and in consultation with the Government;
  - (b) Disputes involving an official of the UN Women Regional Office who, by reason of his or her official position, enjoys immunity, if such immunity has not been waived.
2. Any dispute between the Parties arising out of, or relating to this Agreement, which is not settled by negotiation or another agreed mode of settlement, shall, at the request of either Party, be submitted to a Tribunal of three arbitrators. Each Party shall appoint one arbitrator, and the two arbitrators so appointed shall appoint a third, who shall be the chairperson of the Tribunal. If, within thirty days of the request for arbitration, a Party has not appointed an arbitrator, or if, within fifteen days of the appointment of two arbitrators, the third arbitrator has not been appointed, either Party may request the President of the International Court of Justice to appoint the arbitrator referred to. The Tribunal shall determine its own procedures, provided that any two arbitrators shall constitute a quorum for all purposes, and all decisions shall require the agreement of any two arbitrators. The expenses of the Tribunal shall be borne by the Parties as assessed by the Tribunal. The arbitral award shall contain a statement of the reasons on which it is based and shall be final and binding on the Parties.

**Article XXIX**  
**Final Provisions**

1. It is the understanding of the Parties that if the Host Country enters into any agreement with an intergovernmental organization containing terms and conditions more favourable than those extended to the UN Women Regional Office under the present Agreement, such terms and



conditions shall be extended to the UN Women Regional Office at its request, by means of a supplemental agreement.

2. This Agreement may be modified by written agreement between the Parties hereto. Any relevant matter for which no provision is made in this Agreement, shall be addressed mutually taking into consideration relevant resolutions and decisions of the relevant organs of the United Nations. Each Party shall give full and sympathetic consideration to any proposal advanced by the other Party under this paragraph. The amendments shall enter into force in accordance with the same legal procedure prescribed under paragraph 5 of this Article.

3. This Agreement may be terminated by either Party by written notice to the other and shall terminate six months after receipt of such notice. Notwithstanding any such notice of termination, this Agreement shall remain in force until complete fulfilment or termination of all obligations entered into by virtue of this Agreement.

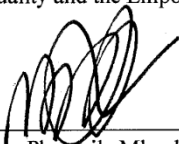
4. The obligations assumed by the Government shall survive the termination of this Agreement, to the extent necessary to permit orderly withdrawal of the property, funds and assets of the UN Women Regional Office and officials assigned to it by virtue of this Agreement.

5. This Agreement shall be subject to the signature of both Parties. It shall enter into force on the first day of the month following the day the Government has notified the United Nations that the necessary internal legal procedures required for its entry into force of the concerned document.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, duly appointed representatives of the Parties, have signed the present Agreement at New York, New York, on this 28th day of February, 2014, in the English language in two originals.

The Government of the Republic of Turkey shall provide an official translation of this Agreement into Turkish.

For the United Nations Entity for Gender  
Equality and the Empowerment of Women



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