PROTOCOL
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TÜRKİYE
ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

The Government of the Republic of Moldova and the Government of the Republic of Türkiye, hereinafter referred to as "the Parties",

Considering the benefit to both Parties of developing cooperation between the two countries in the field of vocational education,

Expressing their willingness to further strengthen the relations between their institutions responsible for education,

Taking into consideration the national legislation in force in the two countries,

In order to implement the requirements of the Cooperation Protocol between the Government of the Republic of Moldova and the Government of the Republic of Türkiye on general terms and conditions for development, done in Chisinau on 2 April 2015,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1
Objective

The purpose of this Protocol is to develop the agreed cooperation between the two Parties in the field of vocational education and, in this context, to establish the legal basis of cooperation for the establishment of Recep Tayyip Erdoğan Moldova Türkiye College, which was built by the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency on land with cadastral code 9601238.100 in the city of Comrat, the Autonomous Territorial Unit of Gagauzia, the Republic of Moldova.

Article 2
The Scope of Cooperation

1. The vocational education fields to be provided shall be Information Technologies and Electrical and Electronics Technologies. The list of fields can be extended in written by the Competent Authorities, cited in the Article 9 of this Protocol.

2. The language of instruction at the Recep Tayyip Erdoğan Moldova Türkiye College shall be Romanian language. Some courses determined in written by the competent authorities will be taught in Gagauzian, Turkish, or in English languages. Gagauzian or Turkish will be taught as a compulsory course.

3. The Parties shall organize in-service training activities for Recep Tayyip Erdoğan Moldova Türkiye College administrators, teachers, and education personnel.

4. The Parties shall encourage the establishment of school-twinning relations, training courses, and internship practices between their vocational education institutions for the purpose of mutual enhancement of knowledge and experience.

5. The assets of Recep Tayyip Erdoğan Moldova Türkiye College, consisting of College buildings, College facilities and other tangible assets, shall belong to the Moldovan Party and be co-managed with the Turkish Party.

6. The following matters of Recep Tayyip Erdoğan Moldova Türkiye College shall be determined by the agreement of the competent authorities on the basis of vocational education practices in the Republic of Türkiye, in accordance with Moldovan legislation:

a) the numbers of classes and sections;

b) the number of pupils in classes;

c) the numbers of workshops and laboratories;

d) material and equipment need;

e) the physical conditions of annexes such as gyms, hostel etc.;

f) the norms of the teaching staff;

g) study programs;

h) curricula;

i) teaching materials.

7. The Parties shall encourage Recep Tayyip Erdoğan Moldova Türkiye College students to participate in social, cultural, artistic, scientific, and sporting activities and competitions and shall ensure their implementation within the limits of their available means.

8. The Parties shall organize conferences, seminars, study visits, and scientific meetings regarding the developments in the field of education.

9. The Parties will provide additional Romanian and Turkish language courses for students during the first year of study, in order to ensure the necessary level of preparation for the study program.

Article 3
Student Admission

The admission and registration criteria for students to be placed at Recep Tayyip Erdoğan Moldova Türkiye College within the scope of this Protocol shall be undertaken under the legislation of the Republic of Moldova and the Regulation cited in Article 5 of the present Protocol.

Article 4
The Legal Status

1. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan Moldova Türkiye College to be established within the framework of this Protocol, shall be registered to become a legal entity in accordance with the legislation of the Republic of Moldova.

2. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan Moldova Türkiye College shall have the status of a public Vocational Education Institution - College, subordinated to the Ministry of Education and Research of the Republic of Moldova.

3. Official authorities or representatives of the Moldovan Party shall carry out the registration, licensing, and authorization procedures of Recep Tayyip Erdoğan Moldova Türkiye College and shall notify the Turkish Party through diplomatic channels upon the completion of the process.

4. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan Moldova Türkiye College shall conduct its activities in accordance with the national legislation of the Republic of Moldova and the Regulation mentioned in article 5 of the present Protocol and shall have all the rights, powers and privileges of its equivalent institutions in the Republic of Moldova.

5. The assets of Recep Tayyip Erdoğan Moldova Türkiye College, consisting of the College buildings, College facilities, and other tangible assets, shall be used for educational purposes only in accordance with the provisions of the Regulation mentioned in article 5 of the present Protocol; otherwise, the consent of the Turkish Party shall be required.

Article 5
Recep Tayyip Erdoğan Moldova Türkiye College
Steering Committee and Regulation

1. For the monitoring of the implementation of the Protocol and for the strategic development of the vocational education institution, the competent authorities will set up a Steering Committee, which will evaluate the educational policies and practices for reaching the strategic objectives of College, make recommendations in this field for the promotion of the school, priorities, problems, and solutions.

2. The Steering Committee shall consist of two persons to be determined by the Moldovan Competent Authority, two person determined by the Turkish Competent Authorities and one person determined by the Autonomous Territorial Unit of Gagauzia of the Republic of Moldova.

3. The Regulation of the Recep Tayyip Erdoğan Moldova Türkiye College shall be prepared based on good practices in accordance with the legislation applicable to vocational training institutions in Republic of Türkiye and legislation of the Republic of Moldova.

4. The Regulation of the Recep Tayyip Erdoğan Moldova Türkiye College shall be prepared by the Administrative Board of the College, coordinated with the Competent Authorities and shall be approved by the Steering Committee.

Article 6
Educational Certificates and Documents

1. Students who graduate from Recep Tayyip Erdoğan Moldova Türkiye College shall be awarded the diploma in accordance with the national legislation of the Republic of Moldova.

2. The Turkish Party shall recognize the equivalence of diplomas, transcripts, certificates, and other documents issued by Recep Tayyip Erdoğan Moldova Türkiye College.

Article 7
College Personnel

1. The Recep Tayyip Erdoğan Moldova Türkiye College's Director shall be assigned according to the legislation of the Republic of Moldova. The Recep Tayyip Erdoğan Moldova Türkiye College's co-Director who is a Turkish citizen, shall be assigned by the Turkish Party.

2. The employment, salary, working conditions, and mandate of Turkish Co-Director, assistant directors, teachers, and workshop and laboratory teachers shall be determined in accordance with the national legislation of the Republic of Türkiye and their remuneration shall be made by the Turkish Party.

3. The employment of the Director, Assistant Directors, teachers, and other categories personnel from the Republic of Moldova and their remuneration shall be made by the Moldovan Party.

Article 8
Administration and Operation
of Recep Tayyip Erdoğan Moldova Türkiye College

1. The administration and operation of the Recep Tayyip Erdoğan Moldova Türkiye College shall be carried out by an Administrative Board.

2. As member of the Administrative Board shall be the Director, Co-director, Assistant Directors, a representative of the Autonomous Territorial Unit of Gagauzia of the Republic of Moldova, and other members determined by the College Regulation.

3. The duties and responsibilities, working procedures, and principles of the Administrative Board shall be determined by the legislation of the Republic of Moldova and the Regulation specified in Article 5 of the present Protocol.

Article 9
Competent Authorities

The following authorities shall be responsible for the implementation of this Protocol:

1. For the Government of the Republic of Moldova: The Ministry of Education and Research of the Republic of Moldova,

2. For the Government of the Republic of Türkiye: The Ministry of National Education of the Republic of Türkiye.

Article 10
Responsibilities of the Moldovan Party

1. Preparing and updating and the educational materials for the branches together with the Turkish Competent Authority.

2. Completing the official opening procedures and carrying out the opening ceremony after obtaining the Turkish Party's approval of the conformity of the College for education and training.

3. Meeting the heating, cooling, electricity, natural gas, water expenses, and other current expenses of Recep Tayyip Erdoğan Moldova Türkiye College.

4. Covering and ensuring the sustainability of the consumption, maintenance and repair costs of all equipment, supplies and other necessary tools and equipment to be used in the workshops and laboratories of Recep Tayyip Erdoğan Moldova Türkiye College, which was initially equipped by the Republic of Türkiye.

5. Charging no customs, tax, warehouse, or transportation fees from the Turkish Party for all types of educational materials sent to the Republic of Moldova.

6. Paying the remuneration of the Moldovan administrators, teachers, auxiliary personnel, and technical personnel at the Recep Tayyip Erdoğan Moldova Türkiye College in accordance with the legislation in force in the Republic of Moldova.

7. The travel and health insurance and travel expenses of the administrators, teachers, students, and other personnel of the Recep Tayyip Erdoğan Moldova Türkiye College sent to the Republic of Türkiye for skills training in enterprises, in-service training, social, cultural, artistic, scientific, sports activities, and competitions, food and accommodation expenses shall be paid by the Moldovan Party or Turkish Party.

8. Providing visa, work and residence permits for administrators and teachers assigned by the Republic of Türkiye and their family members who are under their auspices in accordance with the legislation in force in the Republic of Moldova. The persons concerned will be exempted from state taxes for the services.

9. Providing free Romanian language training to teachers who will be assigned to work in Recep Tayyip Erdoğan Moldova Türkiye College by the Republic of Türkiye.

Article 11
Responsibilities of the Turkish Party

1. Ensure the construction of Recep Tayyip Erdoğan Moldova Türkiye College building and put the institution's building into operation.

2. Equipping the Recep Tayyip Erdoğan Moldova Türkiye College with furniture and other necessary equipment, including laboratory equipment ensure the proper functioning of the College according to the areas of vocational training agreed by both Parties.

3. Carrying out the administration and management of Recep Tayyip Erdoğan Moldova Türkiye College together with the Moldovan Party.

4. Paying the remunerations of Co-Director, Assistant-Director, and teachers from the Republic of Türkiye working at Recep Tayyip Erdoğan Moldova Türkiye College, in accordance with the legislation in force in the Republic of Türkiye.

5. Preparing and updating and the educational materials to be used in Recep Tayyip Erdoğan Moldova Türkiye College, together with the Moldovan Competent Authority.

6. Organizing in-service training activities for College administrators, and teaching staff sent to the Republic of Türkiye by the Moldovan Party.

7. The travel and health insurance and travel expenses of the administrators, teachers, students, and other personnel sent to the Republic of Moldova for courses, internships, skills training in enterprises, in-service training, social, cultural, artistic, scientific, sports activities, and competitions, food and accommodation expenses shall be paid by the Turkish Party or the Moldovan Party.

Article 12
Financial resources

Cooperation under this Protocol shall be carried out within the framework of Parties national legislation in force and budgetary resources allocated by the Parties.

Article 13
Dispute Resolution

Any disputes that may arise from the interpretation and application and of this Protocol shall be settled through amicable consultations and mutual negotiations and between the Parties through diplomatic channels.

Article 14
Amendment

This Protocol may be amended at any time by mutual agreement of the Parties in writing, and additions could be made. The additions and amendments shall enter into force in accordance with the procedure set forth in Article 15 and shall constitute an integral part of this Protocol.

Article 15
Final Provisions

1. This Protocol shall enter into force on the date of the receipt of the last written notification by which the Parties notify each other through diplomatic channels of the completion of their internal legal procedures required for its entry into force.

2. This Protocol is concluded for five (5) years, and it shall be renewed automatically for successive periods of five (5) years, unless one of the Parties notifies the other in writing through diplomatic channels of its intention to denounce the Protocol six (6) months prior to its expiration.

3. Each Party may denounce this Protocol at any time by giving to the other Party a written notification to that effect through diplomatic channels. In this case, this Protocol shall be terminated six (6) months after the date of the receipt of the notification.

4. The termination of this Protocol shall not affect the implementation of any ongoing activities or projects, unless both Parties agree otherwise in writing.

Done in **Chișinău** and in **Ankara** on **6 May 2025**, in two originals, in Romanian, Turkish, and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence in the interpretation of this Protocol, the English text shall prevail.

For the Government
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