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**RELATIONS WITH THE JOINT ADMINISTRATION
OF THE TURKIC CULTURE AND ARTS (TÜRKSÖY),
AND DRAFT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THAT ORGANIZATION
AND UNESCO**

SUMMARY

The Joint Administration of the Turkic Culture and Arts (TÜRKSÖY), an intergovernmental organization, has expressed the desire to establish official relations with UNESCO. In accordance with Article XI. 1 of UNESCO's Constitution, the Director-General requests the Executive Board's authorization to establish such relations by concluding an agreement between the two organizations. The Director-General consequently submits to the Executive Board for approval a draft agreement, the text of which, already approved by TÜRKSÖY, is reproduced in the Annex to this document.

1. The Joint Administration of the Turkic Culture and Arts (TÜRKSÖY 'Turkish origin') is an intergovernmental organization whose membership consists of six Turkic-speaking States: Azerbaijan, Kazakstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkey, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.
2. On 12 July 1993, the Ministers of Culture of six Member States signed an agreement on the establishment of TÜRKSÖY. The agreement was signed in Almaty, by the following countries: Azerbaijan, Kazakstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkey, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. The organization has its headquarters in Ankara and is composed of the Permanent Council of the Ministers of Culture of its Member States, the President of the Council and the Director-General; the current Director-General is Mr Polad Bülbüloglu (Azerbaijan).

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3. The Joint Administration of the Turkic Culture and Arts (TÜRKSÖY) aims at the promotion of cultural co-operation among its Member States and at the preservation, revitalization and development of Turkic culture as an integral part of human civilization. Through such co-operation, the organization seeks to forge close links among its Member States and other countries in order to establish greater understanding between peoples and thus contribute to the consolidation of peace and security.

4. By a letter dated 14 February 1996, the Director-General of TÜRKSÖY requested that official relations be established between TÜRKSÖY and UNESCO and submitted a draft agreement for that purpose to the Director-General of UNESCO.

5. If the Executive Board approves the draft agreement contained in the Annex to this document, it may wish to adopt the following decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Considering the desirability of establishing official relations between UNESCO and TÜRKSÖY and the fact that the Council of Ministers of Culture of that organization has approved the text of a possible co-operation agreement,
2. Having examined the document prepared by the Director-General entitled 'Relations with the Joint Administration of the Turkic Culture and Arts (TÜRKSÖY), and draft agreement between that organization and UNESCO' (149 EX/37),
3. Approves the draft agreement;
4. Authorizes the Director-General to sign it on behalf of UNESCO.

ANNEX

DRAFT

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE JOINT ADMINISTRATION
OF THE TURKIC CULTURE AND ARTS (TÜRKSOY)
AND THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL,
SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION**

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (hereinafter referred to as UNESCO) and the Joint Administration of the Turkic Culture and Arts (hereinafter referred to as TÜKSOY),

Considering that UNESCO was created for the purpose of contributing to peace and security by promoting collaboration among the nations through education, science and culture in order to further universal respect for justice, for the rule of law and for the human rights and fundamental freedoms, ”

Considering that TÜRKSOY’s fundamental objective, under the terms of its constitutional agreement, is to promote friendly relations between its Members and other countries through education, science and culture, which is conducive to greater understanding between peoples and to the establishment of international peace and security,

Considering that it is desirable to forge bonds of mutual support between international and regional organizations in order to promote the co-ordination of their activities,

Wishing to establish effective relations with each other in order to achieve common objectives,

Have agreed as follows :

ARTICLE I

Co-operation

1. UNESCO and TÜRKSOY agree to establish co-operative links with each other at the level of their appropriate organs.
2. This co-operation shall extend to all matters relating to the fields of education, science and culture and concerning those tasks and activities of the two organizations that may be similar.

ARTICLE II

Mutual consultations

1. The competent organs of the two organizations shall consult each other regularly on all matters mentioned in Article I that may be of common interest to them.
2. When circumstances require, the two organizations shall hold special consultations with a view to selecting the means they consider most appropriate for assuring that their respective activities in matters of common interest are fully effective.

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3. UNESCO shall inform TÜRKSOY of its programme concerning those of its activities which might be of interest to the Member States of TÜRKSOY. It shall study any proposal which TÜRKSOY might make to it in these fields with a view to co-ordinating the efforts of the two organizations.
4. TÜRKSOY shall inform UNESCO of its programme concerning those of its activities which might be of interest to the Member States of UNESCO. It shall study any proposal which UNESCO might make to it in these fields with a view to co-ordinating the efforts of the two organizations.

ARTICLE III

Reciprocal representation

1. The Director-General of UNESCO shall notify the Director-General of TÜRKSOY of the convening of the sessions of the General Conference and shall invite TÜRKSOY to send observers to them.
2. The Director-General of TÜRKSOY shall notify the Director-General of UNESCO of the convening of the sessions of its Council of Ministers of Culture and shall invite UNESCO to send observers to them.

ARTICLE IV

Exchange of information and documentation

1. UNESCO and TÜRKSOY shall arrange for exchanges of information and documents concerning all matters recognized as being of common interest by the two organizations.

ARTICLE V

Assistance for technical studies

1. Each of the two organizations may ask the other for assistance for the technical study of matters of interest to both of them.
2. Any such request submitted by one of the two organizations shall be examined by the competent organ of the other, which, within the framework of its programmes, shall endeavour to provide all possible assistance in the form of arrangements agreed on by the two organizations.

ARTICLE VI

Implementation of the agreement

1. The Director-General of UNESCO and the Director-General of TÜRKSOY shall hold regular consultations concerning problems which might arise in the implementation of this agreement.

- 2 . The Director-General of UNESCO and the Director-General of TÜRKSOY may enter into such supplementary arrangements for the implementation of this agreement they deem desirable in the light of experience.

ARTICLE VII

Amendment and duration of the agreement

1. This agreement may be amended by common consent.
7. This agreement may be terminated by either party, provided that no less than six months' notice be given.

ARTICLE VIII

Entry into force of the agreement

1. This agreement shall enter into force upon signature by the representatives of UNESCO and TÜRKSOY.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the signatories, who have been duly authorized to that effect, have signed two copies of this agreement.

Done in (place) _____

on (date) _____

'For the United Nations Educational,
Scientific and Cultural Organization

For the Joint Administration of the
Turkic Culture and Arts

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