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PROTOCOL ON FUNCTIONAL AND STRUCTURAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENCE OF THE TURKISH REPUBLIC OF NORTHERN CYPRUS AND THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY

The Government of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus and the Government of the Republic of Turkey,

Recalling the permanent political consultation mechanism established between the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of the two countries in the context of the Joint Declaration of 28 December 1995;

Reaffirming their desire and determination to preserve and maintain peace and stability in Cyprus and in the Eastern Mediterranean, and to develop the relations between the two countries in all fields in a spirit of solidarity and cooperation, as envisaged by the Joint Declaration between their two Presidents on 20 January 1997;

Until such time comes when the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus is formally recognised by the world and takes the place it fully deserves in the international arena as an independent and democratic State, and in the context of the special relationship established through the Joint Statement between the two countries issued in Lefko_a on 20 July 1997 for the purpose of protecting the interests of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus in foreign affairs,

Agree on the following, which are aimed at establishing functional and structural cooperation between the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of the two countries:

ARTICLE 1

In the context of the political consultation mechanism, Permanent Consultative Political and Economic Committees will be established between Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus and Republic of Turkey. The Committees will meet at the level of Ministers and Under-Secretaries, will draw up their own programmes and form their subcommittees. The Committees will meet in Turkey and the TRNC alternately.

ARTICLE 2

The parties will take the necessary steps that will ensure the integration of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus with the international community. Representatives of the TRNC will be included in the delegations of the Republic of Turkey in all international meetings which concern Cyprus and where the Turkish Cypriot people are not given a right of say.

ARTICLE 3

The Ministries of Foreign Affairs of the two countries will reciprocally exchange staff at all levels and will appoint personnel at their capitals and foreign missions.

ARTICLE 4

The Ministries of Foreign Affairs of the two countries will co-operate on training of staff and similar fields and, provide on-the-job training in each other's headquarters and foreign missions.

ARTICLE 5

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey will give support, to the extent possible, in

the acquisition of material and equipment which may be needed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Defence of the TRNC and its foreign missions.

ARTICLE 6

The parties will jointly determine other measures that may be needed in the further development of the possibilities for further functional cooperation between the two Ministries.

ARTICLE 7

The present Protocol will enter into force following the exchange of letters by the parties informing each other of the completion of ratification procedures in accordance with their respective legislation.

Done in two original texts in Turkish and signed on 13 January 1998 at Lefkoşa.

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Government of the
Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus
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