

JOINT DECLARATION OF INTENT

BETWEEN

THE UNITED NATIONS

REPRESENTED BY THE

THE OFFICE OF THE RESIDENT COORDINATOR IN TÜRKİYE

THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

TÜRKİYE COUNTRY OFFICE

AND

TURKISH COURT OF ACCOUNTS (“Partner”)

**CONCERNING COOPERATION IN MEETING THE 2030 AGENDA FOR
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN TÜRKİYE**

The United Nations and the Turkish Court of Accounts (as an active member of EUROSAI¹ which is one of the Regional Organisations of INTOSAI²), hereinafter referred to as the “Signatories”;

Recognizing the critical importance of partnerships with the public sector, private sector, civil society and academia to promote the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (“SDGs”) under the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) and especially through its SDG Partnership Platform flagship program launched at the 72nd session of the UN General Assembly;

Acknowledging the Signatories’ common intent to strategically collaborate in order to support the achievement of the SDGs and the 11th National Development Plan as well as to the implementation

¹ The European Organisation of Supreme Audit Institutions

² The International Organisation of Supreme Audit Institutions

of EUROSAI Strategic Plan 2017-2024, and to continue to make progress on recovery and resilience in the post COVID-19 era, specifically along key cross-cutting areas of common interest;

Aiming to cooperate in areas of mutual interests related to the work of the United Nations Country Team in Türkiye, UNDP Türkiye and the development efforts by the Turkish Court of Accounts and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Signatories affirm their intention to collaborate guided by the following understanding and principles:

1. The Signatories intend to collaborate in the following areas in support of the SDGs:

Built upon mutual exchange of expertise, experience, and knowledge in the lines of (i) implementation of the SDGs and (ii) any kind of Supreme Audit Institution's work (i.e. audits etc.) carried out with SDG perspective in the context of SDG preparedness/implementation; the proposed cooperation aims at contributing to the:

- a) Joint contextual analysis (relevance, risks, legislative frameworks, institutional settings etc.) in defining the SDG audit themes and their scope in order to make best use of audit resources
- b) Planning of the SDG preparedness and implementation audits as well as other SDG-related works;
- c) Development of the most relevant question sets in the scope of SDG audit processes;
- d) Execution of different stages of SDG preparedness and implementation audits or SDG-related works as a means of external stakeholder engagement;
- e) Integration of SDG-related audit recommendations into UN's/UNDP's strategic/operational frameworks;
- f) Organizing training programs and events between the TCA and UN Entities at country-level within the framework of SDGs;
- g) Exchange and dissemination/promotion of good practices within the scope of cooperation at international platforms/communities.

At the Turkish Court of Accounts' side, the output of this collaboration will directly serve as the basis and main context to develop outputs for their activities within the scope of EUROSAI

Strategic Plan as well as EUROSAI Working Groups and Task Forces. The paper will inform the Joint Work Plans (JWPs) of the Thematic Result Groups of the UNSDCF.

2. The Signatories will negotiate and conclude appropriate forms of agreement once they have identified specific projects and activities to be implemented relating to the areas of their mutual interests, as set forth in paragraph 1, above.
3. The above-mentioned agreements will be signed by the Signatories before they undertake any of the activities or projects. Each agreement will address, *inter alia*, the responsibilities and liability of each Signatory, and financial arrangement.
4. The Signatories' respective focal points for the purposes of this present Declaration of Intent, including the identification of potential activities and projects relating to their areas of mutual interests are:

For the Turkish Court of Accounts: Mr. Metin Yener,
President

For the United Nations: Mr. Alvaro Rodriguez,
Resident / Humanitarian Coordinator

For the UNDP: Ms. Louisa Vinton,
Resident Representative

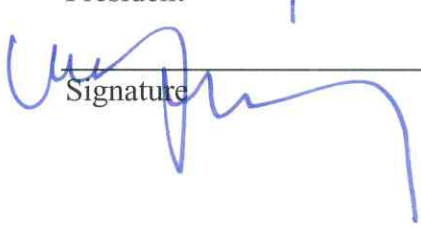
5. Neither Signatory will use the name, emblem or trademarks of the other Signatory, or any of its subsidiaries, and/or affiliates, or any abbreviation thereof, without the express prior written approval of the other Signatory in each case. In no event will authorization to use the UN/UNDP name or emblem, or any abbreviation thereof, be granted for commercial purposes, or for use in any manner that suggests an endorsement by the United Nations of the Partner(s) or their products and/or services.
6. Nothing in or related to the present Declaration of Intent will be deemed a waiver, express or implied, of any of the privileges and immunities of the United Nations, including its subsidiary organs.

7. This Declaration of Intent does not create any legally binding rights or obligations on the Signatories.

Signed in Ankara, Türkiye on 25 May 2023.

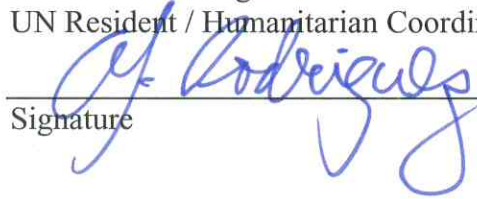
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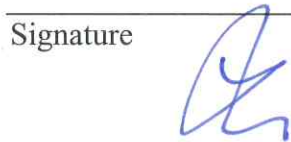
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