

**MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION
ON THE JOINT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GOALS OF THE
AARHUS CONVENTION IN TURKMENISTAN**

between

**THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION OF
TURKMENISTAN**

and

**“TEBIGY KUWWAT” ENTERPRISE OF THE PUBLIC
ASSOCIATION**

Ashgabat – 2023 y.

The Ministry of environment protection of Turkmenistan (hereinafter referred to as the “Ministry”, legal address: 92, Archabil avenue, 744000, Ashgabat, Turkmenistan), as the one party

and

The “Tebigy kuwwat” enterprise of the public association (hereinafter referred to as “Enterprise”, legal address: 23/1, 2023 (M.Kosayev) Street, 744000, Ashgabat, Turkmenistan), as the other party, jointly referred to as the “Parties”,

- Based on the signed on June 25, 1998 in the city of Aarhus (Denmark) and approved by the Resolution of the Mejlis of Turkmenistan on April 30, 1999 №364-I, and that Turkmenistan has acceded to the Convention “On Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters”;

- Taking into account the international environmental obligations of Turkmenistan, especially the success and environmental criteria specified in the documents of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) and approved by the OSCE Council of Ministers on December 2, 2003;

- Considering that in 2012 the Ministry of Nature Protection of Turkmenistan, and in 2018 the State Committee of Turkmenistan for Environmental Protection and Land Resources concluded a Memorandum of Cooperation with the Enterprise on the implementation of the project “Aarhus Center of Turkmenistan” (hereinafter referred to as the “Project”;

- Taking into account the support of the Ministry and the OSCE Center in Ashgabat, the Enterprise implemented the Project from 2012 to 2021, and

- To continue the sustainability of the Project results, we have hereby entered into a Memorandum of Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as the “Memorandum”).

Article 1

In accordance with the legislation of Turkmenistan, as well as within the limits of its powers, the Ministry will cooperate with the Enterprise in implementing the provisions of the Aarhus Convention in Turkmenistan in the following key areas:

1. Defines the Enterprise as an organization providing technical assistance for the implementation of the provisions of the Aarhus Convention in Turkmenistan.

2. Will provide support to the Enterprise by coordinating communications with relevant government bodies and organizations in implementing the goals and requirements of the Aarhus Convention in Turkmenistan.

3. In order to implement this Memorandum, the Enterprise is guaranteed the provision of the following assistance:

1) free use of 2 (two) offices, and computer equipment in offices;

2) ensure the accessibility of laws, regulations and information on environmental protection of Turkmenistan;

3) establish and maintain close cooperation of subordinate organizations and enterprises with the Enterprise;

4) providing support for round table meetings, seminars and other events with representatives of government agencies on the Aarhus Convention and other environmental issues;

5) providing support in inviting specialists, including international experts, in the frame of participation in events organized in Turkmenistan related to issues of the Aarhus Convention.

Article 2

In accordance with the legislation of Turkmenistan, as well as within the limits of its powers, the Enterprise will cooperate with the Ministry to implement the provisions of the Aarhus Convention in Turkmenistan in the following key areas:

1) assistance in the preparation of national reports related to the implementation of the requirements of the Aarhus Convention;

2) providing assistance in preparing draft responses to questions from the Secretariat of the Aarhus Convention;

3) promote public awareness of international conventions on environmental protection, international agreements signed by Turkmenistan in this area, as well as information on improving the legislation of Turkmenistan to improve the environmental situation and create more environmentally friendly conditions for people's lives;

4) preparation of proposals for improving legislation in the field of environmental protection arising from the provisions of the Aarhus Convention;

5) promote the implementation of best practices for adaptation to climate change, reducing climate risks and the negative impact of natural disasters;

6) support the creation and management of the Ministry's database on forests, rangelands and the environment using digital and satellite technologies and methods for the high-quality implementation of the requirements of the Aarhus Convention;

7) provide technical assistance to the Ministry in the implementation of activities related with the Aarhus Convention, as well as provide assistance in the preparation of draft regulatory legal documents arising from legislative acts on environmental protection and systematic use of natural resources;

8) implementation of other measures in accordance with the Aarhus Convention.

Article 3

To carry out activities related to the implementation of the Aarhus Convention, the Enterprise, with the assistance of the Ministry, can attract the necessary funds for the implementation of these activities from the OSCE Center in Ashgabat and other international organizations, projects and grants.

When implementing the activities provided for in this Memorandum, the Enterprise will maintain relations with the Ministry through the national coordinator of the Aarhus Convention.

Within the framework of this Memorandum, employees of the Enterprise can participate in international, regional and national projects with the coordination and support of the Ministry.

Article 4

By mutual written consent of the Parties, this Memorandum may be amended in the form of separate protocols, which are an integral part of this Memorandum of Cooperation.

Article 5

Any disagreements that may arise regarding the interpretation or implementation of this Memorandum of Cooperation shall be resolved through negotiations and consultations between the Parties.

Article 6

The present Memorandum shall come into force from the date of its signing.

The present Memorandum has signed on “01” November 2023 in Turkmen, Russian and English languages in two original copies, each of which is of the same legal force.

In case of disagreement in the interpretation of the provisions of this Memorandum, the version in the Turkmen language will prevail.

**FOR THE MINISTRY OF
ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION OF
TURKMENISTAN**

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