

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A POLITICAL DIALOGUE  
AND COOPERATION MECHANISM BETWEEN THE SOUTH COMMON MARKET  
(MERCOSUR) MEMBER STATES AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS  
AND THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY

MERCOSUR Member States, the Republic of Argentina, the Federative Republic of Brazil, the Republic of Paraguay, the Oriental Republic of Uruguay, and MERCOSUR Associate Members, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, the Republic of Chile, the Republic of Colombia, the Republic of Ecuador, the Republic of Peru and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, on the one hand,

and the Republic of Turkey, on the other hand,  
(hereinafter referred to as the “Parties” of the present Memorandum),

Expressing their strong commitment to the objectives and principles of international law enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, such as sovereign equality among States, respect for sovereignty, abstention from the use of or the threat of the use of force, and the non-interference in domestic State affairs;

Reaffirming their mutual interest to strengthen the traditional bonds of friendship and cooperation, as well as the desire to enhance and diversify political dialogue among the Parties,

Agree:

ARTICLE 1

To establish a Political Dialogue and Cooperation Mechanism, to conduct consultations between the Parties on international and regional issues, to deepen the bonds of friendship and mutual understanding, to enhance dialogue and to strengthen cooperation within the framework of multilateral forums in which they participate on issues of mutual interest.

ARTICLE 2

In order to achieve the established goals, the Parties will develop, among others, the following activities:

- 1) Strengthen collaborative and cooperation practices in the international field by holding regular consultations on issues of mutual interest whenever suitable and timely for the Parties;
- 2) Exchange experiences and information on regional integration processes;
- 3) Organize, hold and participate in conferences, seminars and other events of mutual interest, related to the matters referred to in Article 3.

### ARTICLE 3

Political dialogue and cooperation will include, among others, the following issues:

Review and discussion of long term relations between the Parties and issues related to the promotion and protection of democracy and human rights, maintenance of international peace and security, prevention of conflicts, strengthening of international security, disarmament and non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, cooperation in the fight against terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, the global problem of drugs, asset laundering, smuggling of migrants, trafficking in persons, corruption and other forms of transnational organized crime, the strengthening of multilateralism particularly within the United Nations System, social development, social inclusion and cohesion, elimination of poverty, and cooperation on scientific and technical issues.

### ARTICLE 4

The Mechanism of Political Dialogue and Cooperation between the Parties will be coordinated by the MERCOSUR's Political Agreement and Consultation Forum and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey.

The Parties may carry out their different meetings in the level and place that they consider most appropriate by mutual agreement. The Parties will hold meetings at Ministerial and/or High Official level at least every two years.

The date and the agenda of each meeting will be agreed to by the National Coordination of MERCOSUR's Political Agreement and Consultation Forum exercising the Rotational Presidency of MERCOSUR and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey.

In case of mutual interest, the Parties may propose, through diplomatic channels, to evaluate the possibility to convene specialized meetings between the relevant agencies and institutions of the Republic of Turkey and the Meetings of Ministers and/or Meetings of High Officials of MERCOSUR's structure with specific competence in the subject mentioned in Article 3.

ARTICLE 5

The present Memorandum will enter into force on the day of its signature and will remain in force for an indefinite period of time. Any of the Parties may terminate the Memorandum by written notification to the other Party six months in advance.

ARTICLE 6

None of the articles of this Memorandum shall affect the respective rights and obligations of the Parties regarding the Agreements, Conventions and other international legal instruments which they are part of, individually as well as collectively, nor shall they generate rights and/or obligations beyond the Mechanism of Political Dialogue and Cooperation itself.

ARTICLE 7

The Republic of Paraguay will be the depositary of the present Memorandum on behalf of MERCOSUR and the Associate States.

Done at ....., on ....., in two original copies in Spanish, Portuguese, English and Turkish, all texts being equally authentic. In case of disagreement in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

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On behalf of the Republic of Turkey

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On behalf of the Republic of Argentina

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On behalf of the Federative Republic  
of Brazil

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On behalf of the Republic of Paraguay

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On behalf of the Bolivarian Republic  
of Venezuela