

Agreement

between

**THE Secretariat of the United Nations
Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Kyoto Protocol and the
Paris Agreement**

and

THE Government of the Republic of Türkiye

regarding

**The thirty-first session of the Conference of the Parties to the
United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change,**

**The twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the
meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol**

**The eighth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of
the Parties to the Paris Agreement**

The sessions of the subsidiary bodies

and

other UNFCCC meetings

The secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement (hereinafter referred to as “the secretariat”), represented by its Executive Secretary (hereinafter referred to as “the Executive Secretary”), and the Government of the Republic of Türkiye, represented by the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change of the Republic of Türkiye (hereinafter referred to as “the Government”);

Recalling United Nations General Assembly resolution A/RES/40/243 of 18 December 1985 regarding conferences held away from United Nations Headquarters locations;

Recalling decision 18/CP.30, whereby the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (hereinafter referred to as “the COP”) accepted with appreciation the offer by the Government to host the thirty-first session of the COP, the twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, the eighth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement and the sessions of the subsidiary bodies (hereinafter referred to as “the Conference”), from 9 to 20 November 2026 and requested the Executive Secretary to conclude a Host Country Agreement with the Government of the Republic of Türkiye for convening the sessions, pursuant to United Nations General Assembly resolution 40/243 and the provisions of United Nations administrative instruction ST/AI/342;

Whereas the pre-sessional meetings of the least developed countries, the small island developing States, the African Group and the Group of 77 and China (hereinafter referred to as “the Pre-sessional Meetings”) are scheduled to be held from 3 November to 8 November 2026 inclusive;

Whereas the Government, at the request of the secretariat, agreed to host and assist the secretariat in organizing additional meetings to be convened in the Republic of Türkiye after the entry into force of this Agreement (hereinafter referred to as “the Other UNFCCC Meetings”);

Whereas the Government agreed to be responsible for the difference in cost between holding the Conference in Bonn, Germany, and holding it in Antalya, Türkiye and to provide facilities that are environmentally sound and in accordance with the values provided for under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (hereinafter referred to as “the Convention”), the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement;

Affirming the principles of the United Nations Charter, the Government and the secretariat are committed to uphold the fundamental human rights, dignity and worth of the human person, and equal

rights of all participants participating in the Pre-sessional Meetings/Conference/Other UNFCCC Meetings;

NOW, THEREFORE, the secretariat and the Government (hereinafter jointly referred to as “the Parties”), have agreed as follows:

Article 1

Date and place of the Conference

1. The Conference and the Pre-sessional Meetings are scheduled to be held from 9 to 20 November 2026 and 3 to 8 November inclusive, respectively, at the COP31 Center, Expo Alanı, Solak Mahallesi, Alanya Karayolu 18.Km. 07112, Aksu, Antalya, Türkiye. The area within the aforesaid COP 31 Center where the Conference and the Pre-sessional Meetings shall be held, including any area immediately outside it that will be under the direct supervision and control of the United Nations Department of Safety and Security (hereinafter referred to as “the UNDSS”) as agreed with the security authorities of the Government, shall collectively constitute the Conference premises (hereinafter referred to as “the Conference premises”). A site map clearly identifying the Conference premises shall be attached as an **annex** to the Memorandum of Understanding to be concluded between the Government and the secretariat, pursuant to Article 10 of this Agreement. The general layout and the dimension of the Conference premises will be finalised in agreement with the secretariat. Any alterations to the general layout and the dimension after the signing of the aforesaid Memorandum of Understanding shall be agreed in writing between the secretariat and the Government.

2. The meeting rooms/conference rooms or fully dedicated venues where the Other UNFCCC Meetings will be held shall constitute the Other UNFCCC Meeting premises. The secretariat will inform the Government of Other UNFCCC Meetings to be held in the Republic of Türkiye as soon as it becomes aware of them.

Article 2

Attendance at the Conference

1. In accordance with the provisions of the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol, the Paris Agreement and the draft rules of procedure of the COP being applied, the Pre-sessional Meetings/Conference/Other UNFCCC Meetings shall be open to the following types of participants (hereinafter collectively referred to as “the Participants”):

- (a) Representatives of Parties to the Convention, Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and Parties to the Paris Agreement;

- (b) Representatives of observer States referred to in Article 7, paragraph 6, of the Convention, Article 13, paragraph 8, of the Kyoto Protocol, and Article 16, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement;
 - (c) Representatives of the secretariat, United Nations, its specialized and related agencies;
 - (d) Representatives of observer organizations referred to in Article 7, paragraph 6, of the Convention, Article 13, paragraph 8, of the Kyoto Protocol, and Article 16, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement;
 - (e) Other persons invited by the secretariat in coordination with the Government.
2. The Executive Secretary shall designate officials of the secretariat and other officials of the United Nations to attend the Pre-sessional Meetings/Conference/Other UNFCCC Meetings for the purpose of servicing them.
3. The public meetings of the Conference shall be open to representatives of the media accredited to the Conference by the secretariat in consultation with the Government.

Article 3

Inclusion

1. The Government and the secretariat shall plan and organize all aspects of the Pre-sessional Meetings and the Conference in an inclusive and non-discriminatory manner.
2. Such consideration shall be applied across different components of the Conference in accordance with this Agreement, and including by providing lactation/nursing rooms, care services and culturally sensitive spaces for Indigenous Peoples and local communities.
3. The Government shall provide, inter alia, the facilities and services, including accessible transportation and information and communications related to the Conference in accessible formats required to enable the full participation of Participants with disabilities, as specified in **annex XIX**.

Article 4

Premises, facilities, equipment, utilities and services

1. The Government shall, at no cost to the secretariat and with its agreement, at its own responsibility, provide such premises and facilities, equipment, utilities and services, as are necessary for the Pre-sessional Meetings/Conference, as specified in the annexes to this Agreement, including:
- (a) Adequate office space for the secretariat to carry out its functions, as specified in **annexes I and II** to this Agreement;

- (b) Equipment and facilities allowing the work of the Conference to be conducted in the six official languages of the United Nations, as specified in **annex I** to this Agreement;
- (c) Adequately furnished and equipped rooms, and as specified in **annexes I and II** to this Agreement;
- (d) Information and communication technology, internet connectivity and information security services needed for the Pre-sessional Meetings/Conference, are specified in **annexes III and IV** to this Agreement. The secretariat shall oversee the design, implementation, operation and decommissioning/dismantling of the information and communication technology facilities, including computer network, security measures and the distribution of hardware and software;
- (e) The necessary utility services, such as water, electricity and internet services at the Conference premises and secretariat's communication by telephone or mail when such communication is authorized by the Executive Secretary, or a person designated by him. The Government shall ensure a stable and uninterrupted power supply at the Conference premises.

2. The Conference premises shall be furnished, fully equipped and ready for use by the secretariat at least 48 hours prior to the opening of the Conference and for 24 hours after the actual closure of the Conference and shall remain at the disposal of the secretariat 24 hours a day throughout the duration of the Conference. The area within the Conference premises to be used for the Pre-sessional Meetings shall be furnished, fully equipped and ready for use by the secretariat at least 24 hours prior to the Pre-sessional Meetings.

3. The area to be used for registration described in **annex I** to this Agreement shall be available seven days prior to the beginning of the Pre-sessional Meetings. An area within the Conference premises to be used as a server room for the computer equipment described in **annex I** to this Agreement shall be available three weeks prior to the beginning of the Pre-sessional Meetings.

4. The Government shall ensure that adequate office space is available for use by the core Conference team, comprising relevant secretariat staff and other staff, at least four weeks prior to the beginning of the Pre-sessional Meetings, as specified in **annex I** to this Agreement.

5. The Government shall ensure that lockable storage space is available within the Conference premises for the storage of goods needed for the Conference at least four weeks prior to the commencement of the Pre-sessional Meetings or make available alternative storage space until the premises are made available for use by the secretariat.

6. For the duration of the Pre-sessional Meetings and the Conference, the Government shall maintain in good repair the rooms and equipment specified in **annexes I and II** to this Agreement.

Therefore, the Government shall provide an adequate number of qualified technical personnel for any needed installation, maintenance, support and dismantling of all technical equipment, structures and furniture, in accordance with Article 9, paragraph 2 of this Agreement. The technical personnel shall be under the supervision of the Executive Secretary, or an officer of the secretariat designated by him.

7. The Government shall install and make available facilities for media representatives for the coverage of the proceedings of the Conference as specified in **annexes I and II** to this Agreement. The Government shall appoint a host country media liaison officer, who will assist and liaise with the secretariat in coordinating the media facilities and services for the Conference, and a host country communications officer, who will assist and liaise with the secretariat's spokesperson for the Conference on messaging and substantive issues.

8. The Government shall, as described in **annex XI** to this Agreement, bear all transport costs, insurance charges and related expenses for the outbound and return shipment between the secretariat or any established United Nations office and the site of the Conference of all supplies and equipment required for the adequate functioning of the Conference. The Government may alternatively provide, in consultation with the secretariat, equivalent equipment at the Conference premises.

9. The Government shall appoint a transport liaison officer, who shall liaise with a transport liaison officer designated by the secretariat, to ensure proper shipment of the goods needed for the Conference.

10. The Government shall ensure that an adequate number of automatic teller machines (ATM) are available within the Conference premises for the duration of the Pre-sessional Meetings and the Conference, as specified in **annex IX** to this Agreement. In addition, the Government shall ensure that necessary electronic infrastructure is in place to allow cashless transactions by the Participants within the Conference premises, either by using their credit or debit cards.

11. The Government shall ensure that timely and quality catering services as specified in **annex XVIII** to this Agreement, interpretation services as specified in **annex X** to this Agreement, and transport services as specified in **annex XIII** to this Agreement, are available within the Conference premises for the duration of the Pre-sessional Meetings and the Conference. Such services shall be made available to all Participants on a payable basis at affordable prices and shall be equipped and operated in consultation with the secretariat. Other services to be provided to the Participants shall be agreed upon with the secretariat. Where such services are ordered by the secretariat/Participants and could not be delivered by the service provider as agreed, due to the lack of organizational/logistical arrangements to be provided by the Government nominated General Contractor, the Government will ensure that the secretariat/Participants do not suffer any financial losses.

12. The Government shall make available affordable space, in consultation and agreement with the secretariat, within the Conference premises to be used as pavilion and delegation office space (hereinafter referred to as "the designated space"). The Government may appoint an experienced entity

to manage the construction and allocation of pavilion and delegation office space, on its behalf. The designated space being within the Conference premises is subject to Article 11, paragraph 7 of this Agreement. Accordingly, this space too shall be exclusively subject to the regulations and rules of the United Nations/secretariat. The secretariat in consultation with the Government and support of the appointed entity will determine the space allocation. Subject to paragraph 11 of this Article, the appointed entity will enjoy conditional exclusivity to provide goods and services in the designated space. Where necessary, the secretariat in consultation with the Government shall have the right to waive the exclusivity enjoyed by the appointed entity. In any event, the exclusivity enjoyed by the appointed entity shall not apply to the secretariat and the presidency. The Government and/or its appointed entity may obtain a legally binding undertaking from those to whom pavilion, and delegation space is allocated, to, inter alia, ensure charges for the use of the space are paid in advance and costs are paid for any damages caused. The Government and/or the appointed entity will prepare the undertaking in consultation with the secretariat and take into account secretariat's recommendations and comments.

13. The Government, in consultation with the secretariat, shall ensure that vendors to be selected for the direct provision of goods and services on a payable basis to the secretariat and other United Nations agencies are not currently included in the Ineligible Suppliers List of the United Nations Global Market Place. The Government shall also ensure that the selected vendors respect the privileges and immunities of the secretariat and that of the other United Nations agencies, which may enter into contracts/undertakings with these selected vendors. The Government shall also advise the selected vendors not to use the names/logos of the secretariat and that of the other United Nations agencies, without their prior written permission. To enable the secretariat and other United Nations agencies to enter into contracts/undertakings with the selected vendors, the Government shall upon conclusion of contracts with the selected vendors, inform the secretariat by official letter of the appointment of such vendors, including names, details and contact persons, and a confirmation that applicable national procurement regulations and rules have been adhered to.

14. The Government shall consult the secretariat with a view to obtaining its advice on entities of concern with which the Government, as the host of the Conference, should not conclude partnership/sponsorship agreements in connection with the Conference. Such advice by the secretariat on potential partners/sponsors shall be provided at the earliest opportunity and with due consideration of their climate integrity.

15. The Government shall not display within the Conference premises the name, logo or emblem of any entity with which it has concluded an agreement in connection with the Conference without the formal approval of the secretariat. Requests for such approval must be made in writing to the Director of the Communications and Engagement Division of the secretariat, giving full details of the entity whose name, logo or emblem, the Government wishes to display. The Director may grant approval on

such terms and conditions as the secretariat deems fit given its status as a United Nations entity, including on whether, how and where the name, logo or emblem may be displayed.

Article 5

Climate impact, reduction, and sustainability

1. In providing the Conference space, premises, equipment, utilities and services referred to in Article 4 above, the Government shall ensure that there is no negative impact on the climate due to the organization of the Conference. To this end, the Government and the secretariat work in constant partnership to increase resource efficiency, improve the quality of products and services and optimize costs while limiting negative impacts on the environment including the greenhouse gas emissions associated with hosting the Conference to the extent possible. The Government will calculate the remaining emissions, including those related to travel by all registered participants to the Conference by making climate contributions or impact investment by supporting emission reduction or removal projects. The secretariat shall provide the Government with a calculation of the greenhouse gas emissions related to such travel consistent with accepted international standards and propose an appropriate radiative forcing index. The Government shall also collaborate with the secretariat in formulating and implementing a plan for additional sustainability measures, as outlined in **annex XIX** to this Agreement.

2. The Government shall implement an internationally recognized sustainability/environmental management system to plan, coordinate and report on the sustainability related aspects of the Conference and shall ensure that such a system is evaluated and certified by an independent third party. The Government shall ensure that a copy of the evaluation report is provided to the Executive Secretary within two (2) weeks following its receipt and, in any case, no later than **30 June 2027**.

Article 6

Medical facilities

1. The Government shall ensure that adequate medical facilities with personnel qualified in first aid and in handling emergencies are available within the Conference premises. Immediate access and admission to hospital shall be assured by the Government whenever required by a Participant. The necessary transport from the Conference premises shall be constantly available during the Pre-sessional Meetings and the Conference. Hospital services provided to the Participants shall be made available at reasonable rates.

2. The Government shall ensure that adequate sanitation standards and hygiene protocols are in place for the Pre-sessional Meetings/Conference/Other UNFCCC Meetings.

3. For global health situations, including pandemic, the Government shall put in place measures consistent with the guidelines of the World Health Organization, at its cost, necessary to protect the health of the Participants and the local community, while at the same time enabling an effective, inclusive and safe Pre-sessional Meetings/Conference/Other UNFCCC Meetings. If additional measures may be necessary, they shall also be at the Government's cost and shall be agreed between the Parties. As required, the Government and the secretariat shall agree and communicate to Participants health information, including on required conduct, which the Participants will be required to comply with. The Parties shall nominate their focal points who will liaise with each other on matters related to this Article.

Article 7

Accommodation and transportation

1. The Government shall ensure that:

- (a) Adequate and easily accessible accommodation, including at hotels and residences, is available to Participants at reasonable commercial rates. The Government shall engage early with the hospitality sector and will use all means at its disposal to ensure that accommodation rates do not go beyond the usual market conditions to enable ease of participation of Participants, specifically from developing countries. The Government shall provide information to ensure that Participants are informed of consumer rights in respect of accommodation booking through the accommodation portal;
- (b) Affordable and easily accessible accommodation is available to Participants from developing countries eligible for funding from the Trust Fund for Participation in the UNFCCC process. Such accommodation reserved by the Government shall not be priced more than fifty (50) per cent of the United Nations daily subsistence allowance these participants will receive from the secretariat. The Government shall reserve such accommodation for those Participants upon their request even if they are not in a position to advance a deposit. The secretariat shall assist the Government in the processing of such requests, including by advancing a deposit for the participants who request it;
- (c) Adequate transportation is available to all Participants:
 - i. To and from the airport before, during and after the Conference on a reasonable commercial basis;
 - ii. Between the principal hotels listed in the accommodation portal and the Conference premises for the duration of the Pre-sessional Meetings/Conference, which will be at the expense of the Government as specified in **annex XII**.

- (d) Vehicles with drivers for use by the secretariat and other United Nations officials indicated by the Executive Secretary are available, at the expense of the Government, as specified in **annex XIV** to this Agreement.

Article 8

Conference communications, websites and outreach activities

1. The Government shall ensure that:

- (a) In all public information and Conference-related materials issued by the Government, and in media, press releases and briefings related to the Conference, the officially recognized name or names of the Convention and of the meetings of Convention bodies are used, as specified in **annex VI** to this Agreement;
- (b) In public and Conference information materials of the Government, internal and external broadcast transmissions by the Government's nominated host broadcaster, and podium arrangements related to the Conference, the visual design of the Conference premises, including the display of the official logos of the United Nations and the Convention, are in accordance with the specifications in **annex VI** to this Agreement. The Government shall provide free signals of the official proceedings and free working space to media representatives accredited to the Conference. Live streaming links related to the Conference are shared with national and international audiences in a timely manner. Official information, announcements, and press materials related to the Conference are published in a timely and accessible manner for international media. The necessary coordination with the secretariat is undertaken in communicating official Conference-related information to national and international audiences;
- (c) If the Government wishes to design and display a Conference logo and/or other graphic or decorative elements for inclusion within the specifications provided, the Government and the secretariat shall agree upon the design of the co-branding and on the method of display of such marks or elements in advance of the Conference, with a view to ensuring that the secretariat's logo is prominently displayed to reflect its status as the custodian of the UNFCCC process;
- (d) The agreed Conference co-branding is displayed throughout the Conference premises, including on electronic banners and screens;
- (e) The agreed Conference co-branding is displayed, inter alia, on paper posters/banners welcoming the Participants to the Conference in the Republic of Türkiye and other major cities where Participants would be expected to arrive from overseas, outside the

Conference premises, and on digital communication assets, such as websites, social media channels and electronic banners and screens;

- (f) The United Nations flag is prominently displayed at the entrance to the Conference premises from the opening day of the Conference until its end, in accordance with United Nations practice, and may be displayed at other designated places as agreed with the secretariat;
- (g) All official information concerning the sessions of Convention bodies is made available on the secretariat website at <http://www.unfccc.int>. The Government shall make available relevant information for inclusion on the secretariat website. Webcasting of the official proceedings live and on demand, as agreed with the secretariat, shall also be provided. The Government may create its own website and social media channels; design, layout and content shall be complementary and closely synchronised with the Communications and Engagement Division of the secretariat. The nature of activities carried out by the Government within the Conference premises during the Conference related to communications and engagement, such as those for local non-governmental organizations, media or communities, is agreed in advance with the secretariat;
- (h) It undertakes initiatives to promote and facilitate the participation and engagement of observer organizations, in the lead-up to and during the Conference and shall provide facilities including space for their activities during the Conference both within and outside the Conference premises.

Article 9

Overall Focal Point and Host Country Support staff and technical personnel

1. The Government shall appoint a representative experienced in conference management to act as an overall focal point, supported by technical leads for the respective work streams, between the secretariat and the Government and to be responsible and to have the requisite authority, in consultation with the secretariat official designated by the Executive Secretary, for implementing the Government's obligations under this Agreement.
2. The Government shall make available at its expense Host Country Support staff, as specified in **annex XVI** to this Agreement, and technical personnel as required in the annexes, all fluent in English, required in addition to the staff of the secretariat. Such Host Country Support and technical personnel shall be available, as required:
 - (a) For work throughout the entire period of the Conference, including, when required, during the pre-sessional period;

- (b) At least one week before the opening and at least three days after the closing of the Conference;
 - (c) To maintain night services as may be required in connection with the Conference.
3. Such host country support and technical personnel shall be cleared by the Government's security authorities at least five weeks before the start of the Conference. Thereafter, on an exceptional basis clearance of any late entries shall be carried out on an expedited basis.
4. Such host country support and technical personnel shall be guided by the highest ethical and professional standards and are expected to behave with integrity and respect. The Government shall ensure that relevant standards are fully understood.

Article 10

Police protection and security

1. The Government shall be responsible for providing, at its expense, such police protection and security as may be required to ensure the efficient running of the Pre-sessional Meetings/Conference/Other UNFCCC Meetings without interference of any kind.
2. Government police service shall be under the direct supervision and control of a senior officer to be designated by the Government. He/she shall work in close cooperation with the United Nations Event Security Coordinator appointed by the UNDSS for this purpose so as to ensure a peaceful and secure atmosphere at the Pre-sessional Meetings/Conference.
3. Security within the Conference premises shall be the responsibility of the UNDSS, which shall work with the secretariat and in close collaboration with the security authorities of the Government. Security outside the Conference premises shall be the responsibility of the Government. The boundaries of the two security zones and the modalities of cooperation shall be clearly defined by the Government and the secretariat in a separate memorandum of understanding before the premises are handed over to the secretariat.
4. The secretariat shall, with the cooperation of the Government, prepare its security plan for the Conference premises based on a United Nations security assessment. This security plan shall be the framework for all tasks relating to security within the Conference premises.
5. Without prejudice to the provisions of Article 11 below, the Government shall provide adequate security outside the premises where the Pre-sessional Meetings/Conference/Other UNFCCC Meetings will be held, to ensure a peaceful and secure environment.
6. The Government shall provide security equipment and security personnel to the secretariat at the Government's expense as specified in **annex I** to this Agreement. Such security personnel shall be

guided by the highest ethical and professional standards and are expected to behave with integrity and respect. The Government shall ensure that this is well understood by each and every security personnel who will be working within the Conference premises.

Article 11

Privileges and immunities

1. The Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations, adopted by the General Assembly on 13 February 1946 (hereinafter referred to as “the General Convention”), to which the Republic of Türkiye is a party, shall be applicable, *mutatis mutandis*, to the Pre-sessional Meetings/Conference/Other UNFCCC Meetings. In particular:

- (a) The secretariat shall enjoy the privileges and immunities within the Republic of Türkiye as provided to the United Nations under Article I and II of the General Convention;
- (b) Representatives of Parties and the observer States to the Convention, the Parties and observer States to the Kyoto Protocol and the Parties and the observer States to the Paris Agreement, participating in the Pre-sessional Meetings/Conference/Other UNFCCC Meetings, shall enjoy the privileges and immunities provided under Article IV of the General Convention;
- (c) Officials of the secretariat and other United Nations officials participating in and/or performing functions in connection with the Pre-sessional Meetings/Conference/Other UNFCCC Meetings shall enjoy the privileges and immunities provided under Articles V and VII of the General Convention;
- (d) Any experts on mission for the United Nations or for the secretariat in connection with the Pre-sessional Meetings/Conference/Other UNFCCC Meetings shall enjoy the privileges and immunities provided under Articles VI and VII of the General Convention.

2. Representatives of the specialized agencies and related organisations of the United Nations participating in and/or performing functions in connection with the Pre-sessional Meetings/Conference/Other UNFCCC Meetings shall, as appropriate, enjoy the privileges and immunities provided by the General Convention and in the relevant agreements of the related organization, to which the Republic of Türkiye is a party, respectively.

3. The representatives of observer organizations/other persons referred to in Article 2, paragraph 1(d) and (e), above shall enjoy immunity from legal process in respect of words spoken or written and any act performed by them in connection with their participation in the Pre-sessional Meetings/Conference/Other UNFCCC Meetings.

4. The personnel provided by the Government under Article 9 above for the Pre-sessional Meetings/Conference, and personnel provided for the Other UNFCCC Meetings, shall enjoy immunity from legal process in respect of words spoken or written and any act performed by them in their official capacity in connection with the Pre-sessional Meetings/Conference/Other UNFCCC Meetings.

5. Without prejudice to the preceding paragraphs of the present Article, Participants accredited and issued badges by the secretariat to attend, participate and/or perform functions in the Pre-sessional Meetings/Conference and invited for Other UNFCCC Meetings shall be immune from legal process with respect to words spoken or written and any act performed by them in connection with their participation in the Pre-sessional Meetings/Conference/Other UNFCCC Meetings, which immunity shall continue to be enjoyed even after the closure of the Pre-sessional Meetings/Conference/Other UNFCCC Meetings.

6. All persons referred to in Article 2 above and all persons performing functions in connection with the Pre-sessional Meetings/Conference/Other UNFCCC Meetings/ shall have the right of entry into and exit from the Republic of Türkiye and no impediment shall be imposed on their transit to and from the Conference/Other UNFCCC Meetings premises, as specified in **annex VIII** to this Agreement. Visas and entry permits, where required, shall be granted free of charge and as speedily as possible. For the Pre-sessional Meetings/Conference, the Government shall issue special entry visas to those who need one (hereinafter referred to as "COP31 Visa"), free of charge, through an official electronic visa portal, as well as through diplomatic or consular representations of the Republic of Türkiye. COP31 Visa shall be issued within seven (7) working days upon submission of a complete online visa application through the official electronic visa portal or upon submission of a complete application to the diplomatic or consular representations of the Republic of Türkiye. This information shall be included in the confirmation e-mail sent to the Participants informing them of their registration. This does not exclude the presentation by the Government to the Executive Secretary of well-founded objections based on law concerning the entry of a particular individual. Such objections must relate to specific criminal, security matters and not to nationality, religion, professional or political affiliation. On an exceptional basis, those Participants who are confirmed and arrive in the Republic of Türkiye without a corresponding visa shall be issued a visa at the airport of arrival. The Government shall appoint an official who shall act as a liaison officer between the Government and the secretariat and shall be responsible for carrying out the arrangements related to visas and entry permits. Without any prejudice to the above, the secretariat, through its channels of communications, including on its website shall strongly encourage the Participants to apply for the entry visa through the official electronic visa portal or diplomatic or consular representations of the Republic of Türkiye as early as possible, but no later than three (3) weeks before the opening of the Pre-sessional Meetings/Conference/Other UNFCCC Meetings, respectively.

7. The Conference/Other UNFCCC Meetings premises referred to in Article 1 above are protected in the sense of Article II, section 3, of the General Convention and access thereto is subject to the

authority and control of the secretariat. These premises shall be inviolable for the duration of the Pre-sessional Meetings/Conference/Other UNFCCC Meetings, as well as during the setup and dismantling periods, except in the occurrence of fire emergency, where the inviolability of the Conference premises shall be deemed lifted to address that emergency and the process detailed in paragraph 5 of the Memorandum of Understanding for Security Cooperation, referred to in the paragraph 3 of Article 10, hereof, shall apply.

8. The Government shall allow the temporary importation, relieved from payment of import duties and taxes, of all equipment necessary for the Pre-sessional Meetings/Conference/Other UNFCCC Meetings, including written, audio, video, photographic and other materials, and technical equipment accompanying, shipped, or dispatched by secretariat/Participants and media representatives, and shall, if necessary, promptly issue any necessary import and export permits for this purpose. Any such temporary importation must be intended for re-exportation after the conclusion of the Conference/ Other UNFCCC Meetings. The Government shall ensure that a system for clearance without undue delay of such items for the Pre-sessional Meetings/Conference/Other UNFCCC Meetings is in place.

9. The secretariat and other United Nations organizations, including specialised agencies and related organizations of the United Nations shall enjoy tax exemption from value added tax (VAT) in the Republic of Türkiye when making purchase of goods and services for official use in connection with the Pre-sessional Meetings/Conference/Other UNFCCC Meetings, including when such purchases are made by the Government on behalf of the secretariat at its request and to be paid for by the secretariat. To facilitate this, the Government shall issue a VAT exemption letter to the secretariat within four (4) weeks of the entry into force of this Agreement. The secretariat will provide the details of beneficiary entities together with the goods and services subject to this paragraph to the extent possible. Any issues related to the VAT exemption between the Government and the secretariat will be resolved amicably through consultations.

10. The privileges and immunities provided under this Agreement are granted to ensure the proper functioning of the Pre-sessional Meetings/Conference/Other UNFCCC Meetings.

11. Without prejudice to the privileges and immunities provided by this Agreement, all Participants enjoying such privileges and immunities have the duty to respect the laws and regulations in force in the Republic of Türkiye and have the duty not to interfere in its internal affairs.

12. The immunities provided to persons by this Agreement shall be waived where in the view of the secretariat/United Nations/specialised agencies/related organizations it is believed that the immunities would impede the course of justice and can be waived without prejudice to the interests of the secretariat/United Nations/specialised agencies/related organizations. Where the immunity is refused to be waived, such information will be communicated timely to the Government, in accordance with the United Nations practice.

13. Without prejudice to the General Convention, the Executive Secretary shall cooperate with the Government to facilitate the proper administration of justice, secure the observance of police regulations and prevent any abuse in connection with the privileges, immunities and facilities granted to Participants under this Agreement.

Article 12

Financial arrangements

The Government, in addition to the financial obligations provided for elsewhere in this Agreement, shall bear the actual additional costs directly or indirectly involved in holding the Conference in Antalya, Türkiye rather than in Bonn, Germany. Such costs, which are provisionally estimated to be USD 7,715,200, shall include, but not be restricted to, the actual additional costs of travel and staff entitlements of the officials of the secretariat and other United Nations officials assigned to plan for, service or attend the Conference, as well as the costs of preparatory missions required to plan for the Conference, including those undertaken prior to the conclusion of this Agreement, and the cost of information and cyber security and virtual meeting platform services.

Article 13

Pandemics and force majeure

1. If due to a pandemic or any force majeure situation (for example, strike, earthquake, war, civil strife, invasion, terrorism, health emergency, revolution or any other acts of similar nature or force), the Bureau of the governing bodies of the UNFCCC process (hereinafter referred to as the “Bureau”) decides that the Pre-sessional Meetings/Conference are unable to proceed as scheduled and may require postponement or cancellation, the secretariat and the Government shall consult and mutually agree on the settlement of any matters, including relating to the funds provided by the Government referred to in Article 12 of this Agreement, arising as a result of such postponement or cancellation. In case of postponement, this Agreement shall remain in force and be modified to stipulate the new dates of the Conference, once mutually agreed, by exchange of letters between the secretariat and the Government.

2. In the event of postponement or cancellation of the Conference pursuant to the preceding paragraph, the secretariat shall not be liable to repay or compensate the Government for any goods, services, or facilities procured, or costs incurred whatsoever, in relation to or resulting from such postponement or cancellation of the Pre-sessional Meetings/Conference. In the event of cancellation, the secretariat shall return to the Government any part of the deposit and advances that is unspent and/or uncommitted, which had been transferred pursuant to Article 12.

Article 14

Liability

1. The Government shall be responsible for dealing with any action, claim or other demand against the secretariat, the United Nations and their officials, experts on mission or other persons performing services on their behalf, in respect of any claims and liabilities resulting from operations under this Agreement, in particular arising out of:

- (a) Injury to persons or damage to or loss of property within the Conference/Other UNFCCC Meetings premises as referred to in Article 1 above that are provided by or are under the control of the Government;
- (b) Injury to persons or damage to or loss of property caused by, or incurred in using the transport services that are provided by or under the control of the Government;
- (c) The employment for the Pre-sessional Meetings/Conference of the personnel provided by the Government under Article 9 above, as well as the personnel made available for the Other UNFCCC Meetings.
- (d) Postponement or cancellation of the Pre-sessional Meetings/Conference pursuant to Article 13 of this Agreement.

2. The Government shall indemnify and hold harmless the United Nations, the secretariat and their officials, experts on mission and other persons performing services on their behalf in respect of any such action, claim or demand, except where it is agreed by the United Nations/secretariat and the Government, or, absent such agreement, where it is determined in accordance with Article 15 below, that such damage, loss or injury is caused by the gross negligence or wilful misconduct of the United Nations/secretariat or their officials or experts on mission or other persons performing services on their behalf.

3. Without prejudice to the applicable legal framework, the secretariat shall cooperate with the Government, as required, in identifying and sharing, where possible, relevant information to deal with any action, claim or demand contemplated in paragraph 1 of this Article.

Article 15

Settlement of disputes

1. Any dispute between the Parties arising out of, or relating to this Agreement, which is not settled by negotiation or another agreed mode of settlement, shall, at the request of either party, be submitted to a Tribunal of three arbitrators. Each party shall appoint one arbitrator, and the two arbitrators so appointed shall appoint a third, who shall be the chairperson of the Tribunal. If either party does not

appoint an arbitrator within three months of the other party having notified the name of its arbitrator, or if the first two arbitrators do not within three months of the appointment or nomination of the second one of them appoint a Chairperson, then such arbitrator shall be nominated by the President of the International Court of Justice at the request of either party to the dispute. Except as otherwise agreed by the Parties, the tribunal shall adopt its own rules of procedure, provide for the reimbursement of its members and the distribution of expenses between the Parties, and take all decisions by a two-thirds majority. Its decision on all questions of procedure and substance shall be final and, even if rendered in default of one of the Parties, be binding on both of them.

2. Without prejudice to the right of either party in paragraph 1 of this Article 15, either party may, at its discretion, consult the Bureau in the event of any issues as regards the implementation of this Agreement. The Parties agree that the intent behind this consultation is to enable the Bureau to assist the Parties in resolving the issue(s) amicably.

Article 16

Annexes

1. The annexes to this Agreement shall form an integral part hereof and unless expressly provided otherwise, a reference to this Agreement constitutes, at the same time, a reference to any annexes hereto.

2. The standards and number of items listed in the annexes should be considered minimum standards and numbers. If the Government wishes to provide higher standards or more items than requested by the secretariat, the Government may do so after prior consultation with the secretariat.

3. Notwithstanding the aforesaid, where required the Parties may mutually agree on adjustments to the quantities set out in the annexes.

Article 17

Confidentiality and Data Protection

1. Information and data that are considered proprietary by either party or that are delivered or disclosed by one party to the other party in the course of the implementation of this Agreement, and that are designated as confidential, shall be held in confidence and treated in accordance with the instructions of the party disclosing the information.

- (a) The Government may disclose such information to the extent required by law, subject to the provisions of the General Convention or relevant agreements of related organizations, as applicable and providing the secretariat sufficient prior notice of a

request for the disclosure of such information to allow the secretariat a reasonable opportunity to invoke privileges and immunities or approve such disclosure.

- (b) The secretariat may disclose such information to the extent as required pursuant to the Charter of the United Nations, its regulations, and rules, or as may be required by the governing bodies of the secretariat.

2. The Parties commit to the accountable processing of personal data and ensure respect for the human rights and fundamental freedoms of individuals, in particular the right to privacy. Subject to the consent of Participants, the secretariat may provide access to the Government to personal data of Participants for the purpose of facilitation of speedy issuance of visa. Additionally, subject to the consent of the Participants, the secretariat may share personal data of Participants in connection with the Pre-sessional Meetings/Conference/Other UNFCCC Meetings to ensure a peaceful and secure environment for the Participants, on a case-by-case basis, to be determined by the secretariat. Any personal data shall be shared or provided access to on such terms and conditions that may be agreed between the Parties in a Memorandum of Understanding to be concluded between them. In any event, such data shall only be used for the purpose it is shared and it shall only be made available to those Government officials who need it for the aforesaid purposes. Such personal data shall be deleted/destroyed and wiped clean from the computer and other relevant systems of the Government within four weeks of the closure of the Conference.

Article 18

Other UNFCCC Meetings

1. The secretariat shall consult with the Government for the organization of Other UNFCCC Meetings in the Republic of Türkiye, to be held after the entry into force of the present Agreement.
2. The secretariat shall fully fund all Other UNFCCC Meetings, unless otherwise agreed with the Government on a case-by-case basis. The Parties shall agree the organizational, financial, and other matters, as applicable, in relation to each Other UNFCCC Meeting organised in the Republic of Türkiye by way of appropriate ad-hoc arrangements in accordance with this Agreement.

Article 19

Project Management

The Parties agree that the delivery of the Government's obligations under this Agreement shall be guided by project management best practices which shall apply to all deliverables in this Agreement.

Article 20

Final provisions

1. This Agreement may be modified by written agreement between the secretariat and the Government.
2. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of receipt of a written notification from the Government through diplomatic channels that all internal procedures for its entry into force have been completed. Any amendment to this Agreement in accordance with paragraph 1 of this Article shall enter into force in accordance with the procedure set out in this paragraph. The Government and the secretariat agree to publish the legal text of this Agreement, upon its entry into force, on their respective websites.
3. The Government shall in consultation with the secretariat prepare a comprehensive report to be submitted to the Bureau and present it at its next Bureau meeting after the Conference, highlighting achievements and the challenges in the organization of the Conference and the implementation of this Agreement. This report shall be finalised latest by 28 February 2027.
4. This Agreement may be terminated by either party after the closure of the Conference by written notice to the other and shall terminate twelve months after the receipt of such notice. Notwithstanding any such notice of termination, this Agreement shall remain in force until complete fulfilment or termination of all obligations entered into by virtue of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS whereof the undersigned, being duly authorized to that effect, have signed this Agreement.

DONE in Bonn on the 9th day of June 2026 in two originals in the English language, both texts being equally authentic. The Republic of Türkiye shall provide the official translation of this Agreement into the Turkish language.

For the secretariat of the
United Nations Framework Convention on
Climate Change, the Kyoto Protocol
and the Paris Agreement

For the Government of the Republic of
Türkiye

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Executive Secretary

Mr. Murat Kurum

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