

MEMORANDUM FOR COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF COMPETITION POLICY BETWEEN THE TURKISH COMPETITION AUTHORITY AND THE COMPETITION COUNCIL OF THE KINGDOM OF MOROCCO

The Turkish Competition Authority and the Competition Council of the Kingdom of Morocco (hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”),

Expressing the wish to promote cooperation in the field of competition policy and competition law enforcement of the States of the Parties,

Aiming at the creation of favorable conditions for the development of bilateral relations,

Based on principles of equality and mutual benefit,

Underlining the role of competition in the effective development of market economy,

Recognizing the importance of an effective international cooperation on competition law enforcement regarding anticompetitive practices of cross-border nature,

HAVE DECIDED as follows:

PARAGRAPH I

The Parties will promote and strengthen cooperation in competition law enforcement of the States of the Parties and competition policy in line with this Memorandum.

PARAGRAPH II

In line with the mutual interest of the Parties, cooperation will be realized in the following basic directions subject to reasonably available resources:

- a) exchange of information on legislative developments;
- b) exchange of experience in the field of investigations, regarding the violation of competition rules of the States of the Parties;
- c) exchange of experience regarding the relations between competition authorities and national regulatory agencies.

PARAGRAPH III

The main forms of interaction between the Parties may be as follows:

a) exchange of non-confidential information on legislative developments and cases;

b) organizing study visits and experts training;

c) attendance at international conferences, symposiums, seminars and other events organized by the Parties;

d) expert meetings or consultation via e-mail between experts of the Parties regarding exchange of non-confidential information on specific issues of mutual interest;

e) organization of high level-meetings/visits for discussing the perspectives and directions in which the bilateral cooperation will continue;

f) exchange of non-confidential documents, studies, books etc., which have been published by the Parties;

g) seeking active cooperation opportunities / supporting each other's international cooperation initiatives regarding cross-border anti-competitive conducts especially due to digital transformation.

PARAGRAPH IV

Parties agree that it is in their common interest to work together on technical assistance initiatives related to competition law enforcement. These initiatives may include such forms of technical cooperation as the Parties decide are appropriate for the purpose of this agreement. Parties acknowledge that these initiatives are subject to the Parties' reasonably available resources.

PARAGRAPH V

The transfer of information will be made in English by post/e-mail through designated general contact points or on the occasion of Parties' representatives' meetings.

PARAGRAPH VI

The agenda, place and other elements of activities, including financial aspects, will be individually established by Parties by mutual agreement.

PARAGRAPH VII

Any dispute concerning the application or interpretation of this Memorandum will be settled amicably through consultations and negotiations between Parties.

PARAGRAPH VIII

This Memorandum of Understanding is signed with a view to enhance the cooperation between the Parties and does not constitute an international agreement binding upon the States of the Parties under international law. No provision of this Memorandum of Understanding will be interpreted as creating legal rights or obligations.

PARAGRAPH IX

The present Memorandum will be jointly revised by the Parties following prior consultations.

PARAGRAPH X

The present Memorandum is concluded for an unlimited period of time and will become effective on the date of its signing.

PARAGRAPH XI

The Memorandum can be terminated by either Parties by submitting a written notification to the other Parties.

The Memorandum will expire after three months from the date of receipt of the written notification.

PARAGRAPH XII

Signed simultaneously in Rabat/MOROCCO and Ankara/TURKEY on 12.01.2021 in duplicate in Turkish, Arabic and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. The English text will prevail in case of divergence of interpretation of the Memorandum of Understanding.

For the Turkish Competition Authority

For the Competition Council of Morocco

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