

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Between
The Supreme Electoral Council of the Republic of Turkey
And
The Central Election Commission of Bosnia and Herzegovina

The Supreme Electoral Council of the Republic of Turkey and the Central Election Commission of Bosnia and Herzegovina (hereinafter referred to as “the Participants”),

Confirming the support of their countries to democratic process and unanimously accepted norms related to human and civil rights and freedoms,

Being aware of the fact that free and fair elections are essential elements of democratic transformations, which are based on ensuring constitutional rights and civil freedoms and respecting the norms of electoral rights;

Being determined to strengthen and develop cooperation in legislative area related to the elections, as well as to apply modern systems and technologies within electoral procedures,

Being aware of the fact that this cooperation will contribute to the development of relations between the two countries,

Have agreed on the following:

Article 1

The cooperation encompassed by this Memorandum will be based on equality, respect for the interests and internal legislation of the Participants, as well as on the agreements between the Participants.

Article 2

Areas of cooperation defined by this Memorandum will be as follows:

- to present political and electoral system of the Republic of Turkey and Bosnia and Herzegovina through exchange of lecturers;
- to present institutional structures of the Participants,
- to attend trainings (seminars, symposiums, workshops, round table discussions, etc.) in different professional areas such as training of ICT experts, translating votes to mandates, solving appeals on the election day, appointing and organizing polling station committees;

- to invite the representatives of the Participants to observe preparation and implementation of elections in the signatory countries to the Memorandum;
- to exchange sources in the field of elections, etc.

Article 3

This Memorandum of Understanding is concluded with a view to enhancing and developing cooperation between the Participants and does not constitute an international agreement binding upon States of the Participants under international law. No provision of this Memorandum of Understanding will be interpreted and implemented as creating legal rights or commitments for the States of the Participants.

All disputes arising from interpretation of implementation of this Memorandum will be resolved between the Participants through mutual agreement.


Article 4

1. This Memorandum will become effective on the date of signature and will remain effective for a period of five (5) years. After expiry of this period, and in case of lack of written notice by any of the Participants to terminate this Memorandum, it will be automatically extended for the period of five (5) years.
2. The Participants may terminate their commitments and their party status obtained through this Memorandum of Understanding by notifying the other Participant in writing before the expiry date of this Memorandum. The Memorandum will be terminated on the day of receipt of the written notice.

Signed on .../03/2015 in two original copies, each in Turkish, Bosnian, Croatian, Serbian and English, all texts being equally authentic.


Sadi GÜVEN
President of

The Supreme Electoral Council
of the Republic of Turkey


President of the BiH CEC