JOINT DECLARATION OF INTENT
BETWEEN
THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF HEALTH OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY
AND
THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY

By this Joint Declaration of Intent (hereinafter referred to as the “JD”), the Federal Ministry of Health of the Federal Republic of Germany the and Ministry of Health of the Republic of Turkey (hereinafter referred to as the “Participants”) wish to enhance their cooperation in the fields of health and medical sciences. They intend to strengthen the friendly relations between their countries and contribute to the improvement of the health of the population in their countries respectively.

They thus have come to the following understanding:

I. With the purpose of further promoting beneficial and intensified cooperation, the Participants intend to exchange experience and cooperate on the following fields:

   a) medical sciences and research,
   b) health insurance,
   c) health economy,
   d) health investment projects and health technologies,
   e) health tourism,
   f) health issues of persons with migration background,
   g) elderly and long term care,
   h) encouraging the training of people in affiliated health professions and long term care.

II. The implementation of cooperation specified above could be carried out through the following methods:

   a) exchange of experts, delegations and health related personnel in the fields of health and medical sciences in order to realize short term postgraduate education and training in medical specialities, improvement of professional skills and consultancy;

   b) exchange of expertise, information and experiences regarding organisation, structure and reforms in the field of health and medical sciences;

   c) promotion of the exchange of information and publications on health and medical sciences, published laws and other legislation, as well as information on scientific meetings, such as international congresses and symposiums, organized by either side, according to the needs and interests of both sides;
d) support of direct contacts among the related foundations, institutions and organisations;

e) support for and involvement of both sides in meetings, seminars and conferences in different health disciplines for both countries' researchers, health professionals and administrators;

f) support of contacts with Turkish and migrant organisations and the related non-governmental organizations in Germany to determine and detect health related problems of people with migration background via joint projects, scientific surveys, etc;

g) exchange of experience and know-how on specific and culturally sensitive aspects of medical care provision and long-term care to persons of Turkish descent in Germany.

III. The Ministry of Health of the Republic of Turkey via its University of Health Sciences declares its interest in establishing Turkish-German Training and Research Hospitals including educational facilities for other health care professionals in Germany. The Federal Ministry of Health of the Federal Republic of Germany shows respect to this proposal and intends to provide contacts to the relevant authorities.

IV. This JD comes into effect on the day of signature. The cooperation according to this JD can be terminated by either of the Participants any time with prior written notice to the other Participant, if ever possible no later than six (6) months prior to the date of desired termination. The termination of the cooperation is not intended to affect the implementation of initiated or on-going activities and projects.

V. This JD is not designed to constitute a legally binding document. No items of this JD will be construed to create legal rights or obligations for the Participants.


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