Memorandum of Understanding for cooperation in the field of statistics between Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and the State Statistical Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan

The Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation and the State Statistical Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan (hereinafter referred to the "Parties") agree on the following to strengthen and develop cooperation in the field of statistics:

Article 1

The Parties shall cooperate in the direction of the development and improvement of the official statistical system of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the exchange of statistical information, and endeavour to strengthen cooperation and exchange of knowledge to foster statistical capacity building by means of exchange of experts, study visits and workshops.

Article 2

The Parties shall cooperate in the following directions within their competence:

- organization and conduction of short-term statistics courses, seminars, workshops, conferences on fields of official statistics;
 - share publications mutually agreed upon by both Parties;
 - exchange of information, dissemination of statistics and use of new technologies;
 - organize discussions to identify statistical related research and training needs;
- consult on plans of action and programmes aimed at development of cooperation between Parties;
- involve experts and consultants on cooperation directions within the resources at the disposal of Parties.

The Parties may identify other areas for cooperation by mutual agreement in writing.

The Parties shall identify the areas of cooperation within this Memorandum of Understanding through 3-year plans of action. Plans of action shall include the subject and form of cooperation, technical and financial responsibilities, and other aspects mutually agreed upon.

The plans of action shall be integral part of this Memorandum of Understanding and shall enter into force in accordance with the first part of Article 6.

Article 3

The Parties shall keep each other informed of all relevant activities pertaining to this Memorandum of Understanding and shall maintain regular close consultations to monitor and review the progress of activities for each joint that maybe agreed upon.

The Parties shall refrain from any action that may adversely affect the interests of the other Party and fulfil their commitments within this Memorandum of Understanding.

The Parties agree to allow the use of logos and brands of each other within the scope of the cooperation activities under the framework of this Memorandum of Understanding.

Article 4

Each Party shall designate a coordinator for the conduction of communication and coordination regarding implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding.

Article 5

Any disagreements that may arise during the interpretation or implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be settled through negotiations and consultations between the Parties.

Article 6

This Memorandum of Understanding is concluded for an indefinite period and shall enter into force on the date of receipt by the Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation through diplomatic channels of the written notification from the State Statistical Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan confirming the completion of internal procedures required for the entry into force of this Memorandum of Understanding. Either Party may terminate this Memorandum of Understanding by presenting the notice. The termination shall take effect 3 (three) months after receiving the notification.

The Parties on the basis of mutual consent may make additions and amendments to this Memorandum of Understanding. Such additions and amendments are formalized by separate protocols being integral parts of this Memorandum of Understanding and enter into force in accordance with the first part of this Article.

This Memorandum of Understanding is signed in Baku on <u>24 December</u> 2020, in Ankara on <u>11 Feboure</u>, 2021 in two original copies each in Azerbaijan and English languages, all texts are authentic. In case of any divergence of interpretation, English text shall prevail.

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