

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON CULTURAL COOPERATION BETWEEN
THE GENERAL DIRECTORATE FOR CULTURAL AFFAIRS OF
THE FEDERAL MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF
THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA
AND
THE GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF OVERSEAS PROMOTION
AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS OF
THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF
THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY**

The General Directorate of Cultural Affairs of the Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Austria and the General Directorate of Overseas Promotion and Cultural Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey;

Desiring to promote and strengthen bilateral cultural cooperation between their respective countries and to explore the ways and means to mutually further cooperation within the framework of UNESCO, European Union, Council of Europe and other international organizations and regional initiatives;

Believing that such cooperation will contribute to the promotion of mutual cultural awareness, respect, understanding and friendship between their people;

Have reached the following understanding;

ARTICLE I

Both sides will strive to promote the development of mutually beneficial relations in the fields of culture.



ARTICLE II

1. To this end, both sides will endeavor, within the framework of applicable laws, rules and regulations and on conditions to be determined by mutual agreement, to facilitate and promote cultural activities and exchanges between their people and institutions.
2. "Institutions" within the meaning of the above paragraph should be interpreted to include governmental cultural entities.
3. Both sides will endeavor to facilitate contacts, exchange of information and to encourage performance and participation of their entities in the artistic and cultural events of both national and international nature, organized in their respective countries.

ARTICLE III

Taking into consideration the candidate country status of the Republic of Turkey for EU membership, both sides shall endeavor to promote cultural activities of Turkey in Austria and of Austria in Turkey.

ARTICLE IV

Both sides in conformity with the above understanding and spirit will endeavor to realize the following cultural events in coming years:

1. Both sides will show their best effort to cooperate at the commemoration of the 250th birthday of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, in 2006 in both countries and with partners of their preference.
2. In this respect, both sides will cooperate in their best effort to organize various other cultural activities with the purpose of presenting the interaction between the Turkish music and the music of Mozart in both countries.



3. Both sides will cooperate for the participation of Turkey in various cultural events organized within the framework of "Platform Culture-Central Europe". In this regard, this Initiative will organize a special literary event in Turkey in the Autumn of 2004.

4. It is the intention of both sides to collaborate in the preparation and realization of international events on the subject of dialogue among civilizations.

ARTICLE V

Both sides will meet annually to discuss the progress and promotion of their cultural relations and exchange views concerning cooperation on future cultural events.

ARTICLE VI

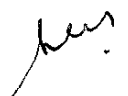
Regarding the activities which will be realized within the framework of this Memorandum of Understanding, both sides will consider financing on a case by case basis.

ARTICLE VII

The activities to be undertaken within the framework of this Memorandum of Understanding will be subject to the availability of funds and the resources of both sides. Each side will nevertheless endeavor to provide resources adequate to realize its own commitments in respect of these cultural activities.

ARTICLE VIII

The Memorandum of Understanding will take effect after its signing by the competent representatives of both sides. Thereafter, the Memorandum of Understanding will remain in effect for a period of three years, renewed automatically for successive periods of three years unless either side gives a six months prior notice in writing to the other side to unilaterally terminate it.



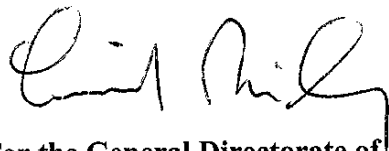
ARTICLE IX

Any change to the text of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be done by mutual consent of both sides.

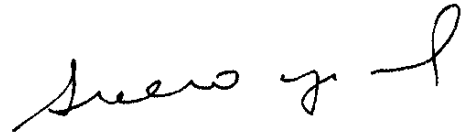
ARTICLE X

Both sides have the intention to elaborate a more comprehensive Memorandum of Understanding with the aim to develop their cooperation in the fields of culture, science, education, sports and youth. All competent authorities will be invited on the national level to contribute adequately to this endeavor. The new Memorandum of Understanding on an enlarged cooperation will replace the present one.

Signed in duplicate at Ankara on 18 June 2004 in English language.



**For the General Directorate of
Cultural Affairs of the Federal
Ministry for Foreign Affairs of
the Republic of Austria**



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Overseas Promotion and Cultural Affairs
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