



Framework Agreement on Cooperation Between the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan And Republic of Poland

The Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and the Republic of Poland, hereafter referred to as *the Parties*,

- *affirming* the will to continue diplomatic relations between the two countries established pursuant to the Treaty on Friendship, done at Angora on 3 November, 1927;
- *considering* the provisions of the Agreement between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, done at Warsaw on 23 April, 2009;
- *respecting* the principles enshrined in the United Nations Charter, done at San Francisco on 26 June, 1945;
- *considering* the commitments undertaken at international conferences in the framework of the Kabul Process, especially at the international conference in Bonn in December 2011, and underscoring the need for their gradual implementation in order to build and sustain a stable and functional Afghan state;
- *expressing* their support for the Istanbul Process, which enhances regional integration;
- *underlining* their support for democratic values, human rights and the rule of law;
- *affirming* that an environment which preserves peace, security, stability, respect for human rights, democratic values and the rule of law lays the foundation for sustainable development and the reconstruction of the state;
- *desiring* to develop friendly bilateral relations, based on mutual respect for national sovereignty, territorial integrity and the principle of non-interference into internal affairs;
- *underlining* the role of trade and foreign direct investments in the development of a state, and therefore the need to adhere to the principles of international trade laid down, inter alia, in the Agreement establishing the World Trade Organization, done at Marrakesh on 15 April, 1994;
- *willing* to enhance their relations also through the long-term agreement between the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the long-term

agreement on partnership and development between the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and the European Union;

-desiring to enhance their bilateral cooperation in the political and security areas, economy, cultural affairs, science and education as well as to continue their development cooperation in the framework of the current and future engagement of the Republic of Poland through the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the European Union, the United Nations Organization and other international organizations;

The Parties have agreed as follows:

Article 1

Political cooperation

1. The Parties underline the need to hold consultations between their respective Ministries of Foreign Affairs. The aim of consultations will be to assess the state of bilateral relations and to exchange views on regional and international issues, especially in relation to matters addressed by international organizations.
2. The Islamic Republic of Afghanistan expresses its deep gratitude to the Republic of Poland for its engagement, especially for its presence and activities in Ghazni and Paktika provinces to support the improvement of public security and the development of the State.
3. The Parties will consider engaging in initiatives that will further deepen political cooperation.
4. The Parties shall support direct contacts and the establishment of cooperation among the local communities of both States in relation to the aims expressed herein.

Article 2

Cooperation in the field of security

1. The Parties acknowledge that the aim of the presence and operations of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Poland in the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan since 2002 has been to support the Afghan authorities in re-establishing and maintaining security and stabilization in the country, to support local administration and to train the Afghan Security Forces.
2. The Parties express their willingness to continue cooperating in the field of security by providing support to the Afghan Security Forces, what may constitute, if the Parties so desire, the subject of a separate agreement describing the form, scope and conditions of such support.
3. The Parties underline the need for the international community, especially the countries of the region, to provide support to the democratic authorities of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan in their efforts to maintain security and social order. The Republic of Poland

expresses its readiness to support these efforts within the scope of its commitments arising from its membership in international organizations.

4. Additionally, if there is such need, the Parties undertake to hold inter-governmental consultations with the aim of enhancing measures in the fight against terrorism and organized crime.

Article 3

Economic cooperation

1. The Parties will support bilateral economic cooperation, especially through the effective promotion of activities of Polish companies in the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and of Afghan companies in the Republic of Poland.

2. The Parties underline the need to increase bilateral trade and they undertake to consider putting in place additional tools to support this objective.

3. The Parties will undertake activities to enhance the Polish-Afghan economic cooperation, especially in the following sectors: mining, agricultural-food sector, services and construction, through the organization, on a regular basis, of bilateral meetings leading to the establishment of business contacts.

4. The Parties underscore that the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan should use its best efforts to develop a business- and investment-friendly environment, in particular by ensuring security, which will lead to increased bilateral economic cooperation.

5. The Parties will support mutual investment in their respective territories, in accordance with the relevant national legislation.

6. The Parties will consider signing an agreement on economic cooperation that will include detailed information about ways of supporting the development of bilateral economic relations.

Article 4

Development cooperation

1. The Parties, supporting the development of a fully functional State, express their commitment to institutional capacity building of the Afghan authorities, by benefiting from the Polish experiences in systemic transformation, which should bring about an improvement of the living conditions of the Afghans.

2. Together with a gradual change of the current nature of the engagement owing to the ongoing transition process (until 2014) and the ensuing 10-years transformation process, the Republic of Poland expresses its readiness to further support the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan through sharing

3. with its transformation experience and providing aid to the Afghans in various forms, as agreed upon by the Parties, whenever necessary.

4. The Parties undertake to hold consultations and to review regularly the areas of engagement of the Republic of Poland in the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan so that it corresponds to the factual needs of the Afghan society.

Article 5

Cooperation in education, science and culture

1. Desiring to deepen their bilateral relations in education, science and culture, the Parties will consider signing a new agreement that will replace the Agreement on Cultural Cooperation between the Government of the Polish People's Republic and the Royal Government of Afghanistan done at Kabul on 25 June, 1966, and still in force.
2. The Parties express their readiness to create institutional relations between their governments in the field of education, through the establishment of cooperation between the relevant ministries.
3. The Parties express their interest in deepening cooperation in science and education. To this end, they will support cooperation between scientific centres, organizations, public and non-governmental institutions, especially in the field of higher education.
4. The Parties shall promote the development of Polish language teaching in the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and the teaching of Dari and Pashto languages in the Republic of Poland.
5. The Parties express their readiness to consider the possibility of supporting higher education studies for the citizens of both States, within the framework of the existing national financial mechanism and in the areas of interest to each of the Parties.
6. The Parties shall develop cooperation in the field of protection of the national and cultural heritage, and engage in joint restoration and monument conservation projects, to the extent corresponding to needs and abilities of the Parties.

Article 6

Final provisions

1. This Agreement shall be adopted pursuant to the national legislation of each of the Parties to be acknowledged by an exchange of diplomatic notes. The Agreement shall enter into force on the day of the receipt of the latter note.
2. The Agreement shall be registered with the Secretariat of the United Nations Organization, pursuant to Article 102.1 of the United Nations Charter, done at San Francisco on 26 June, 1945.
3. Any amendments to the text of the Agreement should be agreed upon by the Parties in writing and they will enter into force pursuant to the procedure provided for under paragraph 1 of this Article.
4. The Agreement has been entered into for a term of 15 years. Its term shall be extended automatically for successive 5-year periods, unless one of the Parties informs the other Party

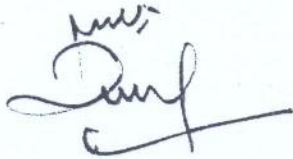
in writing of its decision to terminate the Agreement at least one year prior of the expiration of a successive term.

5. Any disputes arising in connection with the performance or interpretation of the Agreement shall first be resolved through diplomatic negotiations between the Parties.

In witness whereof, the Plenipotentiaries of the Parties being duly authorised thereto, have signed the Agreement and have thereto affixed the appropriate seals.

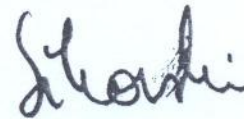
Done at kabul On 15 december 2012 , in two originals, each in Polish, Dari, Pashto and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any discrepancy in the interpretation of the provisions of the Agreement, the English version of the text shall prevail.

For the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan



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