



**Cooperation Agreement
on Technical, Vocational and Technological Education
between the Government of the Lebanese Republic
and the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic
[Informal Translation]**

Based on the Fraternity, Cooperation and Coordination Treaty signed between the Lebanese Republic and the Syrian Arab Republic in Damascus on 22 May 1991, especially Article 1 thereof.... And desirous to reinforce cooperation and coordination between both brotherly countries in the field of technical, vocational and technological education in observance of their interests, the requirements of development plans and labour market needs in both countries.

Have decided to sign this Agreement:

Article 1:

Both Parties shall endeavor to develop cooperation, coordination and complementarity in the various fields of technical, vocational and technological education and shall hold consultations regarding the educational policy and the educational and technological plans in this field.

Article 2:

Both Parties shall seek to uniform the scholar objectives and plans in both brotherly countries' technical, vocational and technological educational systems.

Article 3:

Both Parties shall exchange information on the specializations, occupations as well as scholar plans and curricula of technical, vocational and technological education.

Article 4:

Both Parties shall encourage the participation in writings and evaluations regarding the progress of technical, vocational and technological education and shall exchange publications in this regard.

Article 5:

Both Parties shall seek to cooperate and coordinate in the field of scientific research in technical, vocational and technological education at both the national and international levels.

Article 6:

The Syrian Arab Party shall benefit from the Technical Educational Institute for technical school teachers' formation in Beirut, and the Lebanese Party shall benefit from the training cycles organized within the framework of the annual training program by the Ministry of Education of the Syrian Arab Republic in the field of technical, vocational and technological education.

Article 7:

Both Parties shall encourage the participation of their teachers, technicians and experts in scientific seminars and rehabilitation cycles held in the field of technical, vocational and technological education in the other country.

Article 8:

Both Parties shall exchange visits of teachers, administrative staff, technicians and experts working in the field of technical, vocational and technological education.

Article 9:

In order to follow up the implementation of the articles in this Agreement, a joint committee shall be constituted by virtue of a decision taken by the competent ministers in both brotherly countries. This



committee shall hold its periodical meetings in both countries every six months in coordination with the General Secretariat of the Syrian Lebanese Higher Council.

Article 10:

Executive programs shall be laid down for this Agreement in conformity with the regulations in force in both brotherly countries.

This Agreement figures within the framework of the Fraternity, Cooperation and Coordination Treaty concluded on 22 May 1991 between the Lebanese Republic and the Syrian Arab Republic.

Article 11:

This Agreement shall become effective upon its ratification by the competent constitutional authorities in both countries.

Done in Damascus on 16 Moharrem 1417 H., corresponding to 2 June 1996 AD. In original duplicates in the Arab language, both texts being equally authentic.

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