

**JOINT DECLARATION ON SCIENTIFIC AND
TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN
THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY AND
THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA**

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On the occasion of the visit of the President of the Republic of Turkey to India, both sides:

Considering the importance of science and technology for the economic and social development of our countries,

Desiring to develop and expand cooperation in the field of science and technology in areas of common interest,

Noting that, together with economic and commercial relations, cooperation in science and technology offer great potential as a driver of bilateral relations,

Recognizing that cooperation in science and technology will not only advance the state of science and technology to the benefit of both countries but also strengthen the bonds of friendship and understanding between our peoples,

Reaffirming the Agreement on Cooperation in the field of Science and Technology between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of the Republic of India signed on 17 September 2003,

Declare that, the two countries, hereby launch an Advanced Science and Technology - Dialogue which:

Will strive to promote the maximum use of the opportunities that have risen for mutually beneficial interaction in the field of science and technology which would add to the strength of the two national economies, and to the welfare and prosperity of the two peoples,

Will strengthen this interaction with special emphasis on high-technology and frontier areas of research and application,

Will encourage and support broadened and expanded relations between the scientific and technological communities in both countries by creating favorable conditions for cooperation,

Will encourage cooperation through exchange of ideas, information, skills and technologies; exchange of scientists and technical experts; the convening of joint seminars, scientific conferences, and meetings; training and enhancing the skills of scientists and technical experts; the conduct of joint research projects and studies and other forms of scientific and technological cooperation as may be mutually agreed upon,

Will actively study the possibilities of working together in mutually identified projects in areas such as telecommunication, computerisation,

information technology, space research, biotechnology and environmental technology.

Will actively explore the possibilities for joint research and development activities making use of best practices in this field,

Will encourage, facilitate and support the development of direct contacts and cooperation between government agencies and organizations, universities, science and research centers, institutes and institutions, private sector firms and other entities of the two countries.

We also agree, therefore, that Turkey and India convene a joint workshop in 2010 among designated representatives to elaborate and bring into being the Advanced Science and Technology Dialogue in accordance with this Joint Declaration.

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Joint Statements

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