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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU) ON STATISTICAL  
COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ISLAMIC  
REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN

AND  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

(1) The Statistics Division of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the Statistical Centre of the Islamic Republic of Iran, hereinafter referred to individually as a Party and collectively as the Parties, agree as under to expand and promote bilateral statistical cooperation.

Article 1

The cooperation framework includes: statistical quality management, statistical metadata, data mining, data confidentiality, ICT application in censuses and sample surveys, state-of-the-art sampling methods, statistical standards, administrative data (Registers) and the role of executive organizations, private sector's contribution to statistical activities, long and short-term statistical policies, the concept of national statistical system and the role of National Statistical Offices (NSOs), organizing and managing the NSO staff and budget, the training programmes for the NSO staff in central office and provincial offices and those in statistical units of other departments;

Article 2

The two Parties will support exchange of expert groups and researchers and holding short-term training courses;

Article 3

The two Parties undertake to come to an agreement on the subject, time and duration of training courses and themes of official visits, prior to dispatching expert missions/researchers or holding training courses;

Article 4

The Islamic Republic of Pakistan's commitments for the first year of cooperation include:

- a. providing grounds for research activities on statistical surveys and population and housing census;
- b. introducing Pakistani statistical system's structure, rules and regulations, and organizational facilities to the Iranian mission.

Article 5

(3) The Islamic Republic of Iran's commitments for the first year of cooperation include:

- a. Providing grounds for research activities on GIS system.



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- b. Introducing the Iranian statistical system's structure, rules and regulations, and organizational facilities to the Pakistani mission.

#### Article 6

##### Confidentiality

The Parties shall observe the confidentiality rules as follows:

- a. The Parties agree that the information, documents of data not already in public domain and shared in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding will not be disclosed or distributed to any third party, except with the written authorization released by the Party providing it.
- b. In the event of termination of this memorandum of understanding, the Parties agree that the above provision will continue to apply to the information, documents and data exchanged under the mentioned Memorandum.

#### Article 7

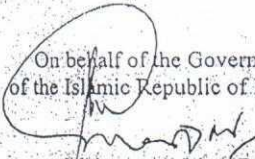
##### Entry into Force and Duration of MoU

- a. This MoU shall enter into force from the date of signatures and shall remain valid for a period of four years, extendable for further such periods by mutual written consent of the Parties.
- b. This MoU may be amended at any time through mutual consent of the Parties in writing. The Party wishing to amend this MoU must give the other Party a written notice of not less than three months.
- c. This MoU may be terminated at any time by either Party by giving a written notice of three months to the other Party of its intention to terminate this MoU.
- d. The termination of this MoU shall not affect the completion of any Projects/Programmes undertaken prior to the termination of this MoU, unless otherwise agreed by the Parties.

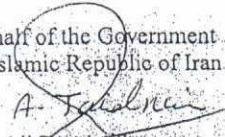
#### Article 8

This MoU, made in two original copies in English and Persian is signed in 8 Articles at Tehran on 11 May 2014 corresponding to 1393.02.21 solar year, both texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence the English text will prevail.

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