



# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE D-8 ORGANIZATION FOR ECONOMIC  
COOPERATION

(D-8)

AND

THE ISLAMIC COOPERATION YOUTH  
FORUM

(ICYF)

2025

## PREAMBLE

**The Developing-8 Organization for Economic Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as “the D-8”)** is an inter-governmental organization for economic cooperation established through the Istanbul Declaration, as the outcome of the Summit of Heads of State/Government of Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan, and Türkiye, in Istanbul, Türkiye on 15 June 1997, with Azerbaijan joined as the ninth member in 2025, whose objectives are to improve Member State’s position in the global economy, diversify and create new opportunities in trade relations, enhance participation in decision-making at the international level, and improve standards of living;

**The Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum (hereinafter referred to as “the ICYF”)** is an international, non-commercial, non-partisan organization uniting leading umbrella youth organizations from the Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) as well as international youth organizations, operating in the OIC region and youth organizations representing significant Muslim ummah worldwide, which was established at its Founding General Assembly held in Baku, Azerbaijan, on 1–3 December 2004 in accordance with the Resolution No.: 15/31-C, adopted by the 31<sup>st</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers held on 14-16 June 2004, in Istanbul, the Republic of Turkey, and granted the status of an affiliated institution to the OIC by Resolution No.: 3/32-C adopted by the 32<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers held on 28-30 June 2005, in Sana’a, Yemen;

Hereinafter referred to collectively as “the Participants” and individually as “the Participant”;

*Having considered* previous consultations held between the Participants concerning the possible ways of cooperation,

Have decided to establish a memorandum of understanding with the following provisions:

### I – GENERAL MATTERS

- (1) This MoU aims to provide a general framework for cooperation between the Participants in the field of youth, science, social, economic, and cultural promotion.
- (2) The Participants are committed to endeavor implementing this MoU, in the areas and scope in the subsequent provisions.

### II – SCOPE OF COLLABORATION

- (1) The Participants will cooperate on matters of mutual interest to achieve their common objectives and carry out joint initiatives and will consult regularly for its implementation.
- (2) The Participants will collaborate on initiatives dedicated to youth empowerment and capacity building, including, but not limited to, the development and implementation of leadership training programs, skills development workshops, and other educational

activities designed to enhance youth capabilities and active participation in the economic and social development of their respective Member States.

- (3) The Participants agreed in principle to jointly organize the “**ICYF-D8 Investment and Youth Entrepreneurship Forum**” regularly, as appropriate, which will serve as a platform for young entrepreneurs from the Member States to engage with investors, industry leaders, and policymakers, aiming at unlocking new investment opportunities, foster innovation, and accelerate the growth of youth-led businesses in the region, and to further facilitate networking, knowledge exchange, and the promotion of best practices in entrepreneurship among the youths, contributing to the broader economic development of the Member States.

### III – TERM OF MoU AND TERMINATION

- (1) This MoU will take effect upon its signature by both Participants and will continue in effect for 3 (three) years and will be renewed automatically until either Participant decides to terminate this MoU.
- (2) This MoU can be revised or amended by either Participant through a written request and mutual approval of the Participants through the official diplomatic channels.
- (3) Each Participant may terminate this MoU through a written notification at least three (3) months before the intended termination date.
- (4) The termination of this MoU as effected by paragraph III. (4) above will not affect any ongoing project or program.

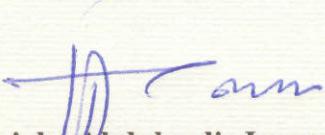
### IV – SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTE

- (1) In case of any discrepancies in interpretation or implementation of this MoU, will be resolved through consultation among the Participants.

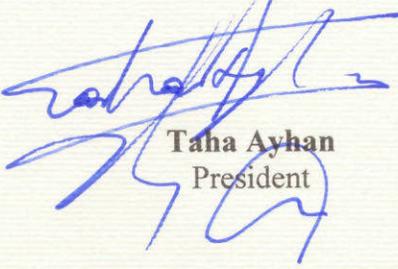
**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, the duly authorized representatives of the Participants affix their signatures below.

Signed in Istanbul, Republic of Türkiye on 21 JUNE 2025

For the D-8

  
**Isiaka Abdulqadir Imam**  
Secretary-General

For the ICYF

  
**Taha Ayhan**  
President