

# MEMORANDUM of UNDERSTANDING

on

## ECO METEOROLOGICAL CALIBRATION CENTER

The member states of ECO (hereafter referred as Parties),

**In pursuance** of the decision of the 2<sup>nd</sup> ECO Head of Meteorological Organization Meeting held in Antalya in 2010 and the approval by the 19th ECO Council of Ministers held in Istanbul in 2010 of the establishment of ECO Meteorological Calibration Center in Ankara as an affiliated body of ECO,

**Recognizing** the importance of technical and scientific cooperation in the field of calibration of meteorological instruments,

**Wishing** to contribute to the establishment of a more sustainable and closer collaboration between Parties,

Agreed on the following articles:

### ARTICLE 1

#### **Definitions:**

**ECO:** Economic Cooperation Organization

**ECO-MCC:** ECO Meteorological Calibration Center

**TSMS:** Turkish State Meteorological Service

### ARTICLE 2

#### **Objectives**

The objectives of the ECO-MCC are:

1. Accurate measurement of meteorological parameters.
2. Capacity building with respect to calibration of meteorological instruments.
3. Improvement of calibration methods and reference instruments.

### ARTICLE 3

#### **Functions and Responsibilities of the Center**

In order to achieve the objectives, as defined in Article 2, the Center shall, inter alia, have the following functions and responsibilities:

1. Enhancing knowledge about meteorological calibrations
2. Providing traceability for reference instruments of member states laboratories

3. Assisting member states to build their own calibration laboratories in accordance with relevant international standards.
4. To provide member states technical assistance in research and applying new technologies.
5. To exchange knowledge, best practices, experts, instructors and trainers.
6. To develop cooperation with relevant international bodies/institutions.

#### **ARTICLE 4**

##### ***Calibration of Meteorological Instruments***

1. ECO-MCC, upon demand by a member state, shall provide calibration services at fees which are determined and announced by TSMS.

#### **ARTICLE 5**

##### ***Training Services***

ECO MCC shall organize training activities on calibration without charges. Transportation, accommodation and daily allowances of trainers and trainees will be able to cover by financial resources of ECO.

#### **ARTICLE 6**

Calibration Center may be consultant and help to Parties to build their own calibration laboratories. The charges for the consultancy will be stated according to the content of the consultancy demand and be valid through mutual agreement.

#### **ARTICLE 7**

In case of request of parties, Calibration Center will organize inter-laboratory comparisons. Calibration Center reserves its right to ask for necessary fees for the comparisons.

#### **ARTICLE 8**

All expenses related to transportation, insurance and/or any taxes due to the calibration or inter-laboratory comparison of an instrument will be covered by the owner of the instrument.

#### **ARTICLE 9**

This MoU will remain in force for 5 years. Director General of TSMS has the right to dissolve this MoU after five years without any noticing. If not get dissolved, the MoU will be in force for another 5 years.