

Memorandum of Understanding in the areas of

Administration Reform and Public Service

Between

the Ministry of Administration Reform and Civil Service of

the Kingdom of Morocco

and

the State Agency for Public Service and Social Innovations

under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan

The Ministry of Administration Reform and Civil Service of the Kingdom of Morocco and the State Agency for Public Service and Social Innovations under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, hereinafter referred to as "the Parties",

Desiring to promote bonds of friendship and fraternity between the Kingdom of Morocco and the Republic of Azerbaijan,

Considering the special importance that the Kingdom of Morocco and the Republic of Azerbaijan attach to reforming the public sector and enhancing human resources,

Convinced of the dynamic role played by the public service to achieve socio-economic development of their countries,

Expressing their willingness to develop cooperation bonds in reforming the public sector within the framework of partnership and solidarity,

Desiring to deepen this cooperation and establish tools of its implementation,

agreed on the following:

Article 1

Objective of the Memorandum of Understanding

The present Memorandum of Understanding shall establish a framework for cooperation and exchange between the Parties, for the purpose of reforming and upgrading the public sector, boosting management skills and developing the electronic administration. This cooperation shall be established based on programmes of common interest between the Parties, to be implemented in a form of annual action plan.

Article 2

Areas of cooperation

To meet the above-mentioned objective, the Parties agree to undertake joint actions, especially in the following areas:

- Development and implementation of the one-stop shop for public services in Morocco;
- The development of the digital services and their uniformed administration;
- Setup electronic facilities for citizen service centers;
- Improving the quality of services for citizens;
- Other mutually agreed activities.

Article 3 Implementation

In order to implement the present Memorandum of Understanding, the Parties shall nominate members of a Steering Committee, composed as follows:

- One representative and one alternate by the Ministry of Administration Reform and Civil Service of the Kingdom of Morocco.

One representative and one alternate by the State Agency for Public Service and Social Innovations under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan,

The Steering Committee shall meet once per year, alternatively in Rabat and Baku to:

- examine and approve the activities to be carried out as part of the annual action plan,
- establish tools to implement the activities agreed upon as part of the annual action plan,
- Review the degree of implementation of activities undertaken as part of the annual action plan, and assess its results.

Once formed, the above-mentioned Committee may invite any qualified person, whose skills are deemed necessary to run successfully its activities, and monitor its programmes.

Article 4 Funding

If necessary, the Parties may agree to establish modes to fund the cooperation activities stated in the present Memorandum of Understanding.

Article 5 Participation of third parties

The participation of a third party in the activities carried out under this Memorandum of Understanding shall be subject to the mutual consent of the Parties.

Article 6 Settlement of disagreements

Any disagreement that may arise from the interpretation or application of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be resolved by negotiations and consultations between the Parties.

Article 7 **Additions and amendments**

Any additions and amendments may be made to this Memorandum of Understanding by mutual written consent of the Parties. Such additions and amendments shall be made in a form of separate Protocols being an integral part of this Memorandum of Understanding and enter into force in accordance with the provisions of Article 8 of this Memorandum of Understanding.

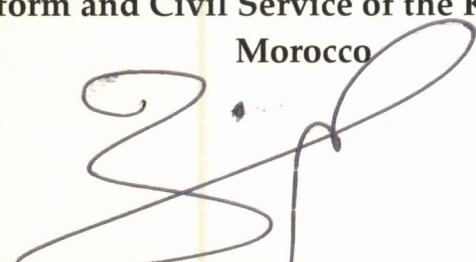
Article 8 **Final provisions**

This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the date of receipt by the Moroccan side of the written notification sent by the Azerbaijani side through diplomatic channels confirming the completion of its internal procedures required for the entry into force of this Memorandum of Understanding.

This Memorandum of Understanding is concluded for a period of 5 (five) years and shall remain automatically effective thereafter for the next five year periods unless either of the Parties at least 6 (six) months before its expiration date notifies through diplomatic channels the other Party in writing of its intention to terminate this Memorandum of Understanding.

Done at Marrakech, on the "21" June, 2018 in two original copies, each in Azerbaijani, Arabic and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence in interpretation, the English version shall prevail.

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