



**PROTOCOL ON SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN  
GAZİANTEP METROPOLİTAN MUNICIPALITY and ARIANA MUNICIPALITY**

We,

Gaziantep Metropolitan Municipality,  
Gaziantep / Turkey

Ariana Municipality,  
Ariana / Tunisia

the Mayors,

Acting on behalf of the wishes and needs of our citizens, for increasing the mutual relations between our cities and citizens; to strengthen the ties between our municipalities; to promote our dialogue, to exchange our experiences and to implement all joint activities which may foster mutual improvement in all domains that fall within our competences; to encourage and support exchanges between our fellow citizens; acting according to the rules of hospitality, with respect for our diversities, in an atmosphere of trust and in a spirit of solidarity; warranting for all people the possibility of participating in the exchanges between our two communities without discrimination of any form, according to the universal values of liberty, democracy, equality and the rule of law, and according to relationship established between our two countries declare the SISTER CITIES of our two cities.

Our cities are in will and determination of cooperation and providing every kind of support for the common objective of 'strengthening friendship and brotherhood deriving from history' in the following areas: 'preservation of historical and cultural heritage and environment', 'training of staff', 'economy, youth, sport and social services' and 'in the other fields which fall into responsibility of local administrations'.

This Protocol shall enter into force on the date of signature and shall remain in force unless one of the Parties notifies the other in writing of its intention to terminate the Agreement 6 (six) months prior.

This Protocol can be amended and modified by the mutual written consent of the Parties.

Possible disputes arising from the interpretation or implementation of this Protocol shall be settled through consultations between the Parties.

Signed in Gaziantep, on 26/06/2013, in two original copies in Turkish and English languages.

In case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

Dr. Asım GÜZELBEY

Mayor of  
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