Protocol for Joint Doctoral Program Between Middle East Technical University and École Nationale Supérieure des Mines de Paris

This protocol is concerned with the conditions and the requirements of how the joint doctoral program between the Middle East Technical University, (hereafter referred to as METU) and École Nationale Supérieure des Mines de Paris (hereafter referred to as ENSMP) will be conducted and the degrees that will be awarded following the completion of this joint doctoral program. It is prepared in accordance with the resolution of 18 January 1994 concerning the joint supervision of doctoral thesis between French and foreign establishments of high education.

Administrative Conditions:

- 1. The doctoral student will apply separately to the PhD programs of both institutions. The admission of the doctoral student to the PhD programs of each school will be handled separately by the respective schools according to their admission requirements. Each institution is free to admit or reject the application of the doctoral student independent of the other institution. However, this protocol is applicable if and only if the candidate is accepted to the PhD programs of both of the institutions.
- 2. The doctoral student will be registered in the doctoral programs of both institutions, METU and ENSMP.
- 3. The student files and records will be kept separately at each of the institutions. However, each institution will keep the other institution informed about the academic progress of the doctoral student and will send to the other institution a progress report and a transcript of the courses taken within that institution.
- 4. The doctoral student will be considered to be "on leave of absence" from the PhD program of METU for the duration during which he/she is residing in France and vice versa. The duration during which the doctoral student will be residing in France and Turkey will depend essentially on the progress and developments in graduate studies, including courses and research activities, and will satisfy the minimum residence requirement of each institution.
- 5. The total duration of the joint program for each doctoral student cannot be longer than six years.

Academic Conditions:

- 6. The courses that the doctoral student will take from ENSMP while he/she is at ENSMP will be counted towards the course requirements for the PhD program of METU, subject to the approval of METU. The same will apply for ENSMP as well.
- 7. The doctoral student will be responsible to fulfill all the requirements of the doctoral programs of both of the institutions: ENSMP and METU.
- 8. The doctoral thesis will be supervised by two co-supervisors from METU and ENSMP.
- 9. The co-supervisors will decide jointly on the successful completion of the doctoral thesis before it is submitted to the jury.
- 10. Upon successful completion of all the requirements for the doctoral programs of both of the institutions, the doctoral student will prepare only one thesis and there will be only one thesis defense before the joint jury.

- 11. The thesis will be written and defended in English. Other aspects are according to rules of regulations of the institution where the jury will be held. However, in the thesis both universities will be clearly specified and there will be a written summary of the thesis both in French and Turkish.
- 12. The jury for the defense of the thesis will be subject to approval of both institutions and will be formed according to the rules and regulations of both ENSMP and METU. In all cases the jury will be composed of appropriate scientific members representing the two institutions. The jury will be composed of five or six members; all members should have a doctoral degree. Both co-supervisors should be members. Two reporters external to METU and ENSMP are chosen to review the thesis.
- 13. If the PhD/Doctoral thesis is found to be successful by the examining jury, the doctoral student will be awarded by the respective doctoral degrees of both of the institutions. There will be two separate diplomas delivered to the doctoral student. On each diploma it will be clearly indicated that these diplomas are delivered jointly through this joint PhD/Doctoral program.
- 14. Both ENSMP and METU are free to discontinue this program at any time, upon written notice to the other institution. However, the students who are already registered to the program will continue their studies until they complete their degrees or until they discontinue their program voluntarily.

Agreed to, effective the

day of

, 2004.

Signed on . 2.6/0CT/2004

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