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**Konu: Proposal for Collaboration in Establishing an Accreditation System  
for Sports Sciences Faculties in Iran**

**To: The Esteemed President of Islamic Azad University, Ardabil Branch,**

**Dear Dr. Salimi,**

The Sports Sciences Association (SBD) – Sports Sciences Education Programs Evaluation and Accreditation Board (SPORAK) – is an organization authorized by the Higher Education Quality Council (YÖKAK) in Turkey. SPORAK is entrusted with the vital task of accrediting undergraduate programs offered within Sports Sciences Faculties and Physical Education and Sports Higher Schools across Turkey.

Institutions seeking accreditation engage in a rigorous process, adhering to the accreditation fees established annually. To date, SPORAK has successfully completed accreditation evaluations for 30 universities and 59 individual programs. International accreditation holds significant weight in the academic sphere. It serves as a prominent factor and benchmark for enhancing the quality and internationalization of education, while fostering satisfaction among administrators, students, faculty, and staff.

Driven by this shared commitment to excellence, we at SPORAK express our interest in collaborating with Islamic Azad University, Ardabil Branch, to establish a robust accreditation system specifically tailored to sports sciences faculties in Iran. The precise scope and framework of this collaboration will be meticulously defined through open and constructive discussions between our institutions.

Our collaborative goals encompass the following key objectives:

**Accreditation of Programs:** Facilitate the accreditation of undergraduate programs offered within the Sports Sciences Faculty of Islamic Azad University, Ardabil Branch.

**Faculty Development:** Provide comprehensive training programs to equip the academic staff of your esteemed university with the necessary knowledge and skills pertaining to accreditation processes.

**Practical Experience:** Offer valuable opportunities for academics from your esteemed university to gain practical experience by actively participating in SPORAK's ongoing accreditation evaluations conducted within Turkey.

Criteria Development: Work collaboratively to establish accreditation criteria and processes that are specific to the Iranian context, while adhering to universally recognized principles of academic excellence.

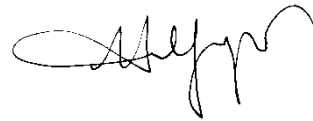
Long-Term Vision: Ultimately, we envision the establishment of a comprehensive accreditation system for sports sciences faculties across Iran, with Islamic Azad University, Ardabil Branch, playing a leading role in this endeavor. This system will be fully compliant with the legal framework and permissions established by the Iranian government.

We trust that this information proves to be valuable. We eagerly await the opportunity to engage in further discussions and explore the potential for a mutually beneficial collaboration.

Sincerely yours,



**Prof. Dr. Serkan İBİŞ**  
**President of SPORAK**



**Prof. Dr. Fikret SOYER**  
**President of Sports Sciences Association**