

TURKEY: IN TUNE WITH GLOBAL TRANSFORMATION

Building a better world, a better future

We believe that peace and security, sustainable development and human rights are inseparable. These objectives can be best achieved through multilateral cooperation. Central to our core beliefs are:

- Equality
- Inclusiveness
- Participation

Achieving sustainable development

As part of the G-20, we are striving to promote new modes of cooperation to address current challenges with a view to ensuring sustained and equitable economic growth, while protecting the environment. Our priorities include:

- Food Security
- Combating Corruption
- Energy Security



Fostering tolerance, empathy and solidarity

The global transformation process must be based on a new philosophy, a new understanding, a new culture. Through the Alliance of Civilizations, we encourage:

- Tolerance
- Harmony
- Respect for Diversity

OUR PLEDGE

If elected, Turkey will bring a perspective mindful of various approaches to deal with the complex issues facing the Security Council and adhere to the Council's vision to:

Contribute to the peaceful resolution of conflicts and peace-keeping, while furthering the work it has been doing in peacebuilding.

Bolster international efforts to combat terrorism and organized crime,

Continue to play a facilitating role in regional issues, and advance the cause of mediation as an effective means to prevent the escalation of conflicts,

Support the UN reform process,

Sustain its efforts to promote human rights, fundamental freedoms, democracy, rule of law and gender equality worldwide,

Work on renewed commitments to achieve the Millennium Developments Goals,

Enhance its international technical and humanitarian assistance,

Further its efforts towards dialogue between civilizations and cultures,

Maintain its constructive engagement policy towards problems not only in its proximity, but also in distant regions.



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TURKEY: A WORLD LEADER

Turkey is a candidate for one of the non-permanent seats allocated to the Western European States and Others Group (WEOG) at the United Nations Security Council for the term 2015-2016.

Turkey is an ardent defender of the principles and goals enshrined in the UN Charter.

In this regard, Turkey plays a constructive and active role regarding all issues on the UN agenda.

Located at the center of the Afro-Eurasian geopolitical plane, Turkey feels that it is particularly well-placed in helping the UN achieve its objectives.



In the ongoing turbulent era marked with rapid political change and transformation, Turkey stands ready to provide significant contributions to global peace, security, stability and prosperity in its region and beyond.

Turkey is making exceptional contributions to preventive diplomacy and inter-cultural harmony through the Friends of Mediation and Alliance of Civilizations initiatives it spearheaded with other countries. Both initiatives are fully endorsed by the United Nations, through resolutions adopted unanimously by the General Assembly.



TURKEY: A STRONG AND RELIABLE PARTNER

Turkey maintains the 16th largest economy in the world and the 6th largest economy in Europe (PPP). The OECD projects Turkey to be its fastest growing member through 2017.

Turkey is a bridge to the world. With a four-hour flight from Istanbul, one can reach:

- Over 50 countries
- 1,5 billion people
- An economic area worth 25 trillion USD

Turkey currently plays a pioneering and special role in turning risks into opportunities and producing cooperative solutions.

Owing to the historical links between Turkey and the African Continent, Turkey's political, economic, commercial, and cultural relations with African countries are flourishing. Turkey has been declared a strategic partner of the Continent by the African Union, and is also developing its relations with regional economic communities such as ECOWAS, EAC and IGAD.

Turkey is also pursuing a more active policy towards Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as the Asia-Pacific region. A permanent observer in the Organization of American States and the Association of Caribbean States, Turkey has established dialogue mechanisms with MERCOSUR and CARICOM. It has also become a party to the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (ASEAN/TAC) and a Development Partner in the Pacific Islands Forum.

As a member of the G-20 and an emerging donor country, Turkey strives to strengthen and diversify its technical and humanitarian assistance programs. The amount and geographical scope of Turkish Official Development Assistance have shown a marked increase in recent years. Turkey's overall humanitarian assistance has doubled over the last three years.



The ambitious and wide-ranging economic and technical cooperation package that Turkey announced during the 4th UN Conference on the Least Developed Countries in May 2011 in Istanbul reflects Turkey's determination to address the specific development needs of the LDCs.

TURKEY AND THE UNITED NATIONS



During its tenure as a non-permanent member in the UN Security Council in 2009-2010, Turkey meticulously adopted a principled and responsible approach, marked with diligence, constructiveness, transparency and fairness. In addition to the lead role it assumed on peacebuilding and counter-terrorism, Turkey has also begun hosting Security Council retreats focused on peacebuilding.

Throughout this period, Turkey's contributions to international peace, security, stability and prosperity were not limited to the agenda of the UN Security Council. Turkey has followed an active stance in the global efforts towards the expansion of good governance, human rights, rule of law and sustainable development which constitute an inseparable dimension of contemporary security.

Turkey fully supports the lead role of the United Nations in peacekeeping missions and is firmly committed to UN activities in this field. Turkey currently takes part in ten UN peacekeeping operations around the world.

A concrete indication of Turkey's increased involvement in the work of the UN is its willingness to host UN agencies. Turkey is now hosting the Eastern Europe and Central Asia Regional Office of the UNFPA and the International Center for Private Sector in Development of UNDP in Istanbul, as well as the Sub-Regional Office for Central Asia of FAO and the Center for Regional Cooperation of UNIDO in Ankara. Turkey is further encouraging UN agencies in this regard.