

TURKEY: IN TUNE WITH GLOBAL TRANSFORMATION

Building a better world, a better future

Turkey believes that peace and security, sustainable development and human rights are inseparable. These objectives can be best achieved through multilateral cooperation. Central to Turkey's core beliefs are equality, inclusiveness and participation.

Achieving sustainable development

Turkey is 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. Turkey actively engages in the work of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the UN General Assembly and is also represented in the Intergovernmental Committee on Financing for Development.



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, Turkey encourages tolerance, harmony and respect for diversity.

OUR PLEDGE

As a non-permanent member, Turkey will bring a perspective mindful of various approaches in dealing with the complex issues facing the Security Council and will continue to:

Voice the views of those which go unheard,

Contribute to the peaceful resolution of conflicts and peacekeeping, while furthering its work in peacebuilding,

Bolster international efforts to combat terrorism and organized crime,

Play a facilitating role in regional issues and advance the cause of mediation as an effective means for the prevention and resolution of conflicts,

Support the UN reform process,

Sustain its efforts towards the promotion of human rights, fundamental freedoms, democracy, rule of law and gender equality worldwide,

Work on renewed commitments to achieve the Millennium Development Goals and Sustainable Development Goals,

Enhance its development 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 GLOBAL ACTOR

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 with respect to all issues on the UN agenda.



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

In the ongoing turbulent era of rapid political change and transformation, Turkey stands ready, willing and able to actively foster global peace, security, stability and prosperity in its region and beyond.



Turkey makes exemplary contributions to preventive diplomacy and inter-cultural harmony through the Friends of Mediation and Alliance of Civilizations initiatives it spearheads 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 currently plays a pioneering role in turning risks into opportunities and producing cooperative solutions.

Owing to the historical ties between Turkey and the African Continent, Turkey's political, economic, commercial, and cultural relations with African countries are flourishing. Having been declared a "Strategic Partner" by the African Union, Turkey is also strengthening its relations with regional economic communities such as ECOWAS, EAC, IGAD, ECCAS and COMESA.

Turkey is also pursuing an active policy towards Latin America and the Caribbean. A permanent observer in the Organization of American States, the Association of Caribbean States and the Pacific Alliance, Turkey has established consultation and cooperation mechanisms with MERCOSUR and CARICOM.

Turkey has increased its engagement with the Asia-Pacific region as well. It is a party to the ASEAN Treaty of Amity and Cooperation (ASEAN/TAC), a member of the Asian Cooperation Dialogue and a Development Partner in the Pacific Islands Forum.

Turkey is emerging as a new and dynamic player in the international development cooperation architecture. Development will be one of the priorities of Turkey's G-20 Presidency in 2015. Turkey's total official development assistance (ODA) in 2012 reached 2.5 billion US Dollars, almost twice the figure for 2011.

Turkey's official humanitarian assistance has also increased significantly, ranking it the 4th largest donor in 2012. In recognition of Turkey's growing humanitarian clout, UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon announced his decision to hold the first-ever World Humanitarian Summit in Istanbul in 2016.

Turkey is committed to the full implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries (LDCs), adopted at the 4th UN Conference on the LDCs in May 2011. Turkey's total spending on the projects implemented in LDCs in 2012 is estimated at around 260 million US Dollars. Turkey has also offered to host the Midterm Review Conference of the Istanbul Programme of Action in 2015.

Turkey shares the concerns of Small Island Developing States, which are confronted with unique challenges, and is committed to the success of the Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States in 2014. Turkey also contributes to the international efforts in addressing the specific challenges of the Landlocked Developing Countries.

TURKEY AND THE UNITED NATIONS

During its term as a non-permanent member in the UN Security Council in 2009-2010, Turkey meticulously maintained a principled and responsible approach towards all issues on the Council's agenda. This approach was 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 retreats of the Security Council that provide an informal forum to effectively discuss issues pertaining to international peace and security.

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 security in today's world.



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

Turkey supports peacebuilding efforts in post-conflict countries by providing expertise and resources to build and improve their capacities in many fields such as health, education, justice and security. Turkey cooperates with the UN system in such efforts and regularly contributes to the Peacebuilding Fund.

Turkey's willingness to host UN agencies is a concrete indication of its active engagement in the work of the UN. Turkey is now hosting the Eastern Europe and Central Asia Regional Office of UNFPA, the International Center for Private Sector in Development of UNDP, the Sub-Regional Office for Central Asia of FAO and the Center for Regional Cooperation of UNIDO. The UNDP Regional Service Center for Europe and Commonwealth of Independent States, and the Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia of UN Women have recently joined these agencies.