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Sayın Üyemiz,

T.C. Ticaret Bakanlığı'ndan alınan bir yazıda, Türkiye-Macaristan Karma Ekonomik Komisyon (KEK) Sekizinci Dönem Toplantısının, Sanayi ve Teknoloji Bakanı Sayın Mustafa Varank ile Macaristan Dışişleri ve Ticaret Bakanı Sayın Peter Szijjarto eş başkanlıklarında, 7-8 Aralık 2022 tarihlerinde, Budapeşte'de gerçekleştirilmesinin öngörüldüğü belirtilmektedir.

Macar tarafınca hazırlanan KEK Protokol Taslağı ekte sunulmaktadır. Bu çerçevede;

1. Bakanlıkları görev sahasına giren hususlarda Macaristan ile ilişkilerimize dair bilgi notuna,
2. **Ekte yer alan taslak tutanağa ilişkin görüşlerine (İngilizce olarak),**

3. Sayın Bakanın söz konusu toplantı kapsamında, Macar muhatabı ile temaslarında dile getirmelerinde fayda bulunan hususlarda konuşma notu önerilerine,

ihtiyaç duyulduğu ifade edilmektedir.

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PROTOCOL
OF THE EIGHTH SESSION OF THE
HUNGARIAN-TURKISH JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION

BUDAPEST 8 DECEMBER 2022

The Eighth Session of the Hungarian-Turkish Joint Economic Commission (hereinafter referred to as “the Commission”), established in accordance with Article IV of the Agreement on Economic Cooperation between the Government of the Republic of Hungary and the Government of the Republic of Türkiye, signed on 12 May 2005 in Budapest, was held in Budapest on 7-8 December 2022.

The Hungarian Delegation was headed by H.E. Péter SZIJJÁRTÓ, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary, Co-Chair of the Hungarian Side of the Commission.

The Turkish Delegation was headed by H.E. Mustafa VARANK, Minister of Industry and Technology of the Republic of Türkiye, Co-Chair of the Turkish Side of the Commission.

The composition of the Hungarian and Turkish Delegations are listed in Annexes I and II, respectively.

The deliberations of the Eight Session of the Commission took place in a cordial atmosphere of mutual understanding, reflecting the friendly relations between the two countries and were marked by the desire of both Sides to strengthen, further develop and diversify their economic and commercial relations in different sectors of their economies on a mutually beneficial basis.

In accordance with the articles of the agenda of the Commission, the following decisions and recommendations were adopted.

I. BILATERAL TRADE AND INVESTMENT RELATIONS

Both Sides expressed their common desire to seek opportunities to strengthen and diversify their bilateral relations in various areas within the framework of an effective and mutually advantageous conditions.

The Hungarian Side welcomes Türkiye’s commitments to follow the directions identified by the Paris Agreement. Hungary assures of its support for every forward looking development project submitted for financing by Turkey to Multilateral Development Banks, especially energy security and infrastructure development endeavours. Hungary is ready to launch strategic cooperation with Turkey in order to maximise the advantages our countries may benefit from memberships in the international financial institutions.

The Hungarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (HCCI) handles the improvement of the business relations of Hungary and Türkiye as a priority. The Hungarian-Turkish Committee (HTC) operated by the HCCI since 2012 contributed to the development of the Hungarian-Turkish trade relations through the following activities in the past 2 years:

- organization of an online forum about the business opportunities in Türkiye in the automotive, health and textile sectors for Hungarian companies in cooperation with HEPA and HEPA Turkey, 9 June 2021,
- organization of 2 forums about the current economic situation and business opportunities in Türkiye and the bilateral trade relations in cooperation with the Embassy of Hungary in Ankara and the General Consulate in Istanbul, one on 3 December 2021 in Budapest and another one on 9 November 2022 in the form of a webinar,
- organization of a virtual Hungarian-Turkish business forum and B2B meeting in cooperation with the Győr-Moson-Sopron County Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Kocaeli Chamber of Industry and ABIGEM East Marmara on 17 February 2022,
- *organization of a business delegation to Izmit and Istanbul, 28 November – 1 December (TBC)*
- receiving the following delegations from Türkiye in 2022: Foreign Economic Relations Board of Türkiye (DEIK), Ankara Metal Products Exporters Association (MEPEX), Gaziantep Chamber of Commerce
- providing business information to Hungarian entrepreneurs and supporting Hungarian and Turkish companies in finding business partners
- the HCCI also cooperated with Turkish institutions – TOBB and DEIK – in the framework of events organized related to the Turkic Chamber of Commerce and Industry (TCCI) (participation in the TCCI business forum in Budapest, 23 September 2021 and participation of Dr. László Parragh, President of the HCCI in the business forum related to the 3rd General Assembly of the TCCI in Istanbul on 10 November 2021)

Recognizing the potential of the Turkish market HEPA Hungarian Export Promotion Agency is ready to foster business relations between Hungarian and Turkish companies. HEPA recognizing promising opportunities especially in the following sectors: ICT, agriculture, healthcare.

The Hungarian Side informed the Turkish Side some of the business events realized since the last JEC meeting held:

- On 10 September 2021, the Turkic business forum of the Cooperation Council of Turkic-speaking states was held in the capital of Azerbaijan, Baku. At the end of the business forum, meetings were also held in the B2B format, where an exchange of views on enhancing partnership relations between the business circles of the participating countries took place.

- Turkic Business Forum was organized by Turkic Council and Turkic Chamber of Commerce and Industry (TCCI) in partnership with HEPA Hungarian Export Promotion Agency and Hungarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry on 23 September 2021 in Budapest.
- HEPA Partner Office organized a national stand appearance on November 24-27, 2021 at the *Growtech* agricultural exhibition in Antalya, where 12 HEPA partner companies participated in the event.
- HEPA organized an English-language event called "Virtual Hungarian-Turkish Economic Forum and Businessmen's Meeting" on February 17, 2022.
- On March 3, 2022, the 3rd Go Africa Forum was organized by HEPA and DEIK. 16 Hungarian and 16 Turkish companies participated in the Forum in person, and they conducted a total of 36 negotiations with each other.

HEPA informed the Turkish Side about the establishment of the Drought Prevention Institute under auspices of the Budapest office of the Organization of the Turkic States. The mission and basic function of the Institute are to identify and execute such multilateral development projects in the Organization's Member States that help mitigate the affected countries' exposure to the increasingly negative effects of drought and the uncontrolled social and economic changes stemming from climate change.

The Parties agreed that the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) should expand its activity to Sub-Saharan Africa as soon as the conditions set by EBRD member states are met. Parties agreed to launch a common thinking how Multilateral Development Banks can support our joint development and investment projects in the region.

II. ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION

Both Sides, stressing the importance of economic cooperation between the two countries, agreed to further encourage their respective organizations to enhance cooperation in the following fields:

1. Agriculture

The Sides agreed on the importance of the exchange of experience in the field of freshwater aquaculture. The Hungarian Side reiterated its openness towards offering its expertise and training in the field of the production technology of freshwater fish species along the previously identified priorities.

The Sides confirmed their willingness to cooperate in the field of precision agriculture, with a particular focus on presenting their digital agricultural strategies and sharing experiences. They agreed on the need for continuous communication on the achieved results in the field of agricultural machineries, instruments and drones for agricultural use.

2. Energy

There is a strong link between the energy security of Turkey and that of the European Union; therefore, deepening cooperation in all energy-related areas is ever more relevant. Hungary appreciates the efforts made by Turkey to connect the European markets with the Caspian, Iranian, Northern Iraqi, Mediterranean, and Russian resources. Turkey has become a regional energy hub, it is hence imperative for Hungary and the Central and Eastern European region that the connecting infrastructure is built. We consider Turkey to be a highly important and reliable partner.

Hungary considers Turkey a reliable and privileged partner. Hungary recognizes the paramount importance of Turkey in the field of natural gas transit distribution and invites the Turkish Side on further dialogue and strategic partnership concerning energy security.

The Hungarian Side suggests the establishment of a joint expert working group on the exchange of experiences and best practices with regard to the Nuclear Power Plant Project.

3. Water management

Both Sides undertake to investigate potential areas of concrete cooperation, between governmental bodies and their background institutes as well, on general water management, integrated river basin management planning, transboundary cooperation, flood management, irrigation, treatment of drinking and waste water, water quality management, education, training and study tours for students, engineers and water experts, in case of which Turkey can rely on the expertise of Hungarian institutions and companies.

Hungarian water companies, have internationally recognized references and competitive technologies in the entire water utility and environment protection sector and are ready to elaborate potential cooperation especially in the field of industrial and communal wastewater management, and in the areas of mobile water purification technologies used in emergency situations, mutual organization of study tours, education and trainings of professionals in the fields of water and waste water management. The Hungarian Side has highlighted that Hungarian water companies are particularly interested in joining projects that aim the development of Turkey's wastewater treatment facilities and water utility infrastructure, and they are determined to continue their ongoing cooperation in the field of stormwater infiltration.

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4. Transportation

Both Sides emphasized the importance of road transport sector, which plays a crucial role for international trade and cargo flow diversification. The Sides agreed to continue cooperation to further facilitate increase of cargo flow between the two countries.

5. Healthcare and Health Industry

The Sides reviewed the areas of cooperation and highlighted the importance of development in the health industry.

Both Sides intend to enhance and expand cooperative efforts in the field of health industry. The Sides shall support the cooperation between health industrial enterprises, organizations and institutions of the two countries. The partners outlined the most important areas for potential cooperation as follows:

- Exchange of information in the field of export-import of health industry sectors;
- Exchange of information and experience in the medical industry fields of pharmaceuticals, biotechnology and medical devices;
- Cooperation in the knowledge transfer related to medical sciences and the cooperation in research, development and innovation and encouragement of the participation of scientists in congresses;
- Encourage the attendance at health industrial exhibitions;
- Strengthen the exchange of health industry experts and researchers to share information that based on their experiences.

6. Science, Technology, Standardization and Accreditation

Both Sides have shared the common view on the high importance of innovation and advanced technologies and their use in industry for economic and societal progress. Digitalization, digital transformation of the industry will be the key for economic progress and global competitiveness in the future.

This is the reason why joint bilateral cooperation of the Sides in the area of technologies, including digital transformation and Industry 4.0 policy should be encouraged between the partners.

Future progress in the field of technology and digitization mainly depends on the activities and innovative approaches of private sector players and market forces. In parallel with that, governments have their duty in order to create favourable environment for business collaboration, investments, to encourage, support cooperation of market players also in their plans to enter into third countries markets, or organise multi-country cooperation with companies from Turkic Council countries.

For priority areas the Sides outlined:

- Artificial Intelligence,
- New emerging digital technologies like Blockchain, Cloud Computing, Big Data etc. technologies;
- Advanced and emerging technologies in order to fight against the energy crisis, climate change, etc.

On November 11, 2021, at the meeting of the Turkish-Hungarian High-Level Strategic Cooperation Council, a ministerial decision was taken to double the budget of the very successful joint applied research and development cooperation programme between NKFIH and TÜBİTAK. Accordingly, in May 2022, a new joint call for proposals was announced with a total budget of about HUF 400 million on the Hungarian side.

Hungary is committed to deepening the joint cooperation with Turkey in the EU's Horizon Europe framework programme and other multilateral innovation programmes such as Eureka. Our aim is to increase the number of successful collaborations in these programme.

The existing joint Horizon 2020 projects and the bilateral Turkish-Hungarian industrial R&D call provides a good basis for this goal.

With signature of a new Cooperation Agreement between Turkish Standards Institution and Hungarian Standards Institution the stated goal has been achieved.

7. Tourism

Both Sides expressed their satisfaction over the successfully organized 9th Session of the Hungarian-Turkish Working Group on Tourism that was held between 6 and 8 December, 2021, in Budapest.

Both Sides welcomed the organization of the next Session of the Hungarian-Turkish Working Group on Tourism to be held in the fourth quarter of 2022, in Istanbul, Türkiye.

Both Sides agreed to continue the exchange of information and best practices about the new successful projects in the field of tourism and other relevant data on tourism development in the two countries.

Both Sides welcomed the cooperation within the framework of the Organization of Turkic States.

8. Culture

The two Sides confirmed that their governments will pay special attention to the organization of the 2024 Hungarian-Turkish Mutual Cultural Year.

The Sides welcomed the Declaration of Intent on Cooperation on the 2024 Mutual Cultural Year, signed by the Sides at the High Level Strategic Cooperation Council meeting in Ankara on 11 November 2021.

Both Sides agreed on the need for close cooperation between the Sides in the preparation and implementation of the joint opening and closing events of the Mutual Cultural Year, which will be ensured by the Hungarian-Turkish Joint Working Group established under the Declaration of Intent.

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9. Education

Both Sides welcomed the effective cooperation within the framework of the Stipendium Hungaricum Scholarship Programme and the new Memorandum of Understanding for the years 2023-2025. Both Sides noted with satisfaction the high number of Turkish applicants and set the aim of using the scholarship quota as much as possible.

Both Sides welcomed the ever-growing interest demonstrated by Turkish students toward pursuing their studies at the higher-education institutions of Hungary within the framework of the Stipendium Hungaricum Scholarship Programme, and confirmed their intention to strengthen their cooperation in this area.

Both Sides agreed to support the strengthening of interdisciplinary and inter-institutional cooperation, as well as higher education exchanges.

Both Sides consider science, technology and research cooperation as an important and dynamically developing area. Accordingly, we support and encourage the initiation of cooperation in these fields and the implementation of joint projects in the future.

Both Sides reaffirmed their commitment in supporting the promotion of the other Side's expertise in their respective countries.

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Both Sides agreed to hold the next session of the Commission in the Republic of Türkiye. The exact date will be mutually agreed through diplomatic channels.

Done and signed in Budapest on 8 December 2022 in two originals in English language.

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