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TURKEY - BRAZIL ROUND TABLE COUNTRY MEETING - 2

"Turkey and Brazil: Rising Powers in the Changing World Order"

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Turkey has increasingly grown as an important actor with its 75 million population, developing and expanding economy, geostrategic position in the middle of Afro-Euro-Asian mainland; historical, political, cultural connections with the European, Black Sea, Caucasian, Asian, Middle Eastern and African countries, its activity in the international arena, particularly in the UN; its stand as one of the most important members of NATO, OSCE, and CICA; and its recently advanced activist foreign policy.

On the other hand, Brazil, which is the eighth country in terms of population and the fifth largest country in terms of surface area, is an important political and economic power in Latin America and is one of the major players at the global level. Brazil, which is the largest economy of Latin America and the tenth in the world with more than \$ 2 trillion in GDP (It have announced that it is the world's sixth largest economy according to the World Bank purchasing power criteria), is one of the countries of the world's highest FDI and continues to be the leading edge of developing countries.

Turkey's diplomatic relations with Brazil have started with the "Treaty of Friendship, Residentials, Commerce and Navigation" signed in London on February 5, 1858. In the last period of the Ottoman Empire, over one hundred thousand Ottoman citizens emigrated to Brazil, the majority of which was from Lebanon and Syria. A Friendship Agreement was signed in Rome in 1927 between the Republic of Turkey and Brazil. Turkey has opened a representative office in Rio de Janeiro, the capital of the time, in 1929. Especially since 2003, bilateral high-level visits have showed a marked increase.

High Level Cooperation Commission have been created to serve as a mechanism that is in charge of developing policies and strategies between the two countries to enhance further bilateral relations in areas of common interests like political dialogue, trade and commerce, science, technology, defense, finance, investments, tourism, culture, diplomacy and academia. Friendship groups in the parliaments of the two countries are mutually available.



Military relations between Turkey and in Brazil have gained momentum in recent years. Within the framework of the existing plan of cooperation and mutual visits between Turkey and Brazil, regular visits of military delegations of the two countries are continuing. In the context of the will to start new term in the economic and political spheres, it is expected to increase cooperation in the field of defense industry and a Military Attaché was opened in August within the Embassy of Brazil in 2010. Again, the First Military Dialogue Meeting which was held in Brasilia in June 2011 allowed identifying the possibilities of cooperation between the two countries in the field of defense industry. Studies about the creation of a “Joint Defense Group” between the two countries are currently underway.

Brazil is a country that Turkey has the largest trading volume in the Latin America and Caribbean Region. Bilateral trade shows a regular increase in since 2000. However, economic-commercial relations between Turkey and Brazil are far from reflecting the existing potential despite the recent acceleration. Bilateral trade amounting \$ 350 million in 2000 have increased five-fold in 2008 and reached over \$ 1.7 billion. Trade balance in 2009 with \$ 717 million was realized in favor of Brazil and the total trade volume was \$ 1.5 billion. In 2010, total trade volume has reached 2 billion U.S. dollars.

In 2010, Turkey was 44th among countries that Brazil and the 39th among the countries that it exports. Regarding economic sizes of the two countries within the framework these data, need to increase their trade is a necessity rather than an option. In the Turkey’s Country policy for Brazil, increasing trade volume, establishing a balanced relationship of mutual trade and encouraging our businessmen to export is a priority.

The basic trend after globalization which has gained momentum since the end of the Cold War is in the direction that the developments of the countries will not be alone but through regional cooperation and trans-regional partnerships. Countries are evolving as open structures based on respect, dialogue and cooperation in all fields. On the other hand, countries that have problems in adapting this new situation experience serious instabilities. Both sides, Turkey and Brazil, are agree about the national, regional or global added value of close relations, consultation and cooperation between the two countries.

In this regard, necessity of establishing “strategic partnership” relationships between Turkey and Brazil is obvious. Turkey-Brazil Country Roundtable Meetings aim to reveal how the mutual potentials and existing cooperation can be transformed into a strategic cooperation and to contribute to capacity building on the strategic grounds.

With the Turkey - Brazil Roundtable Meetings it is aimed to recognize related organizations closely, to increase the effectiveness of civil society, to benefit from the expertise accumulations to develop working areas, to contribute promotional activities, to inform Turkish companies by



Latin American experts, to investigate possibilities of academic cooperation, to develop a strategic approach in order to evaluate all these studies with integrity.

In order to bring the Turkish-Brazilian relations to an ideal point in the world system that is increasingly gaining a multidimensional appearance, Turkish and Brazilian policy makers must steer for a structure that may constitute mutual depth not only on the political and strategic grounds but in the all parameters.

Here, the aim of **Turkey - Brazil County Round Table Meetings** that planned to be held by **Fundaç o Getulio Vargas (FGV)** and **Turkish Asian Center for Strategic Studies (TASAM)** every year alternately is to display the opportunities and complementary relations between Turkey and Brazil in the forthcoming period before the public opinion of both Turkey and Brazil with a strategic point of view without disregarding the problematic areas.

The main and sub themes of the meeting:

Main Theme

Turkey and Brazil: Rising Powers in the Changing World Order

Sub Themes

Social, Economic and Political Developments

Regional Strategies

Energy Policy: Geopolitical and Security Results

Relations with U.S., EU and New Partners

Adaptation to Global Governance Structure

Emerging Powers in the Multipolar World