

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF IRAQ
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY**

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Turkey and Iraq, expressed their commitment to good neighbourly relations based on mutual respect, solidarity, friendship and non-interference in each other's internal affairs.

In this vein, Turkey wishes to see security established in Iraq and condemns all terrorist activities in this country.

This visit allowed the reconfirmation of Turkey's support to the Iraqi process of reconciliation and democratization.

The two Prime Ministers reaffirmed that they view the relations between Turkey and Iraq, covering economy, energy and security as well as social and cultural aspects as a whole and underscored their commitment to make full use of this multi-dimensional relationship for the benefit of their peoples and the region. In this respect, they look upon this relationship from a wider and long term perspective. As two countries whose economies complement and reinforce one another, Turkey and Iraq are determined to mobilize all existing bilateral cooperation opportunities.

The two Prime Ministers and their respective delegations held very fruitful and positive consultations. Bilateral relations and opportunities for cooperation were discussed and a full and frank exchange of views took place concerning the political process in Iraq including security.

This memorandum of understanding provides a framework for cooperation between Turkey and Iraq in preventing and suppressing terrorism and organized crime.

Both countries acknowledge the existing cooperation between Turkey and Iraq on security and law enforcement matters, and desire to strengthen and expand that cooperation to combating terrorism;

The two Prime Ministers, expressed their joint will to fight against terrorist organisations and activities including PKK/KONGRA-GEL and reiterated their common understanding to activate every effort to isolate, pacify and eradicate the presence of all terrorist organisations in Iraq.

Both countries recognize that, regarding the legal and judicial matters, the Ankara Agreement signed on 5 June 1926, Friendship and Good Neighbourly Relations Agreement between Turkey and Iraq, signed on 29 March 1946 and the Agreement Between the Republic of Turkey and the Republic of Iraq on Legal and Judicial Matters signed on 19 September 1989 are in force between the two states,

They also emphasize their obligation to implement in full UN Security Council Resolutions 1373 (2001), 1546 and 1566 (2004) and 1624 (2005), as well as their common desire to cooperate effectively in combating the terrorist activities perpetrated by the terrorist groups,

In this respect, the two Prime Ministers instructed their relevant authorities to expedite and finalize the work on “The Agreement on Combating Terrorism” and “The Memorandum of Understanding between Interior Ministries on Cooperation to Combat Terrorism and Organised Crime” within two months time. To this end, the Iraqi Minister of Interior will visit Turkey in two weeks to prepare the said agreements.

The two Prime Ministers expressed their satisfaction with the signing of “The Memorandum of Understanding between the Energy Ministries” and instructed their respective competent authorities to finalize as soon as possible the “Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement” within the framework of the Joint Iraqi-Turkish Economic Committee.

Turkey has reactivated its Consulate-General in Mosul in line with its comprehensive approach towards Iraq. Now, the Iraqi Prime Minister welcomed Turkey’s decision to open a second Consulate-General in Basra. The two Prime Ministers agreed that Iraqi side would provide every support to Turkey to complete the preparations of the opening of the new consular mission. Iraqi side declared its interest to open a second Consulate-General in Turkey, probably in Gaziantep.

At their initial meeting of the enlarged ministerial meeting of neighbours of Iraq in Sharm al Sheikh, the Foreign Ministers had agreed to hold their second meeting in İstanbul. In this context, the two Prime Ministers underlined the importance they attach to this process and worked on the preparations of the

second meeting. The Enlarged Foreign Ministers Meeting of the Neighbours of Iraq is planned to be held in the coming months.

With a view to furthering the bilateral relations and materializing the strategic perspective they agreed upon, the two Prime Ministers decided to strengthen their political dialogue and cooperation and intensify the contacts, including establishment of new mechanisms through proper official channels and to better utilize the existing structures such as the Joint Economic Committee.

For the Government of Iraq

For the Government of Turkey