

**JOINT DECLARATION
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN**

H.E. Dr. Hassan Rouhani, President of the Islamic Republic of Iran paid a state visit to the Republic of Turkey upon the invitation of H.E. Mr. Abdullah Gül, President of the Republic of Turkey, on 9-10 June 2014.

On this occasion H.E. Mr. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey and H.E. Dr. Hassan Rouhani, President of the Islamic Republic of Iran met in Ankara on 9 June 2014 within the framework of the First High Level Cooperation Council meeting between Turkey and Iran, established during the visit of H.E Mr. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey to Tehran on 28-29 January 2014. Their Excellencies co-chaired First Meeting of the High Level Cooperation Council, with the participation of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of both countries as coordinators and Turkish Minister of Development, Minister of Transport, Maritime and Communication, Minister of Customs and Trade, Minister of Economy, Minister of Interior, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources, Minister of Environment and Urban Affairs and Minister of Culture and Tourism with the Iranian Head of Presidential Office and respective Iranian counterparts, Minister of Information and Communications Technology, Minister of Economy and Financial Affairs, Minister of Interior, Minister of Oil, Minister of Culture and Islamic Guidance, Minister of Road and Urban Development and the Vice President of the Islamic Republic of Iran and Head of the Iranian Cultural Heritage, Handcrafts and Tourism Organization.

The Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey and the President of the Islamic Republic of Iran, having had a comprehensive exchange of views on bilateral issues, regional and international developments, including on recent developments in their Region, have noted that:

The Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Iran are willing to further strengthen their relations on the basis of international law and good neighborly relations and in areas of mutual interest,

The two sides emphasized the importance of improving economic and commercial relations which will further the well-being of the peoples of their region and contribute to the improvement of regional stability,

Mindful of the considerable potential in economic and commercial cooperation, both sides underlined their will to exert every effort, including diversifying the commodities subject to their bilateral trade to achieve their goal to reach 30 billion USD trade volume in 2015,

Both sides underlined the necessity to encourage their business circles to increase investments in their respective countries, and affirmed their commitment to promote the establishment of institutional cooperation and information-sharing lines for small and medium enterprises' initiatives and activities,

Both sides decided to explore the possibilities to enhance their relations in the area of banking,

Both sides expressed their willingness to deepen their cooperation in the field of energy and agreed to explore possibilities to enhance the existing relations in this field,

Acknowledging that cooperation in the field of tourism has an importance for both Turkey and Iran to intensify people to people relations, both sides agreed to explore new ways of collaboration in this domain,

The two countries decided to encourage annual meetings between their civil aviation authorities to enhance cooperation for increasing flight frequencies and adding new destination points to the route schedule to the benefit of both sides,

The two sides have agreed to further expand their cultural cooperation, including through cultural centers and other relevant institutions and explore ways to further cooperate in the field of cultural heritage as another area of mutual importance,

The two countries also exchanged views on non-proliferation and disarmament issues as well as the developments concerning Iranian nuclear program, stressing the right of all NPT States to have access to peaceful uses of nuclear energy in conformity with their international obligations. In this regard, Turkey expressed its support to efforts by Iran to lift economic sanctions.

Both countries also affirmed their support for a Middle East free of nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction,

Both sides reiterated their commitment to strengthen their cooperation in the fight against terrorism in all their forms and manifestations, transnational organized crime and narcotics and arms trafficking as well as human trafficking and migrant smuggling,

Both sides acknowledged that violent extremism in all its forms and manifestations and that all forms of sectarianism and violence in regional conflicts constitute one of the most serious threats to international peace and security and supported relevant initiatives on countering violent extremism undertaken within the framework of the United Nations, including the initiative of H.E Hassan Rouhani, President of the Islamic Republic of Iran, for "A World against Violence and Extremism (WAVE)", internationally supported through adoption of resolution A/RES/68/127 at the United Nations General Assembly, on 18 December 2013,

Regarding the recent developments in the region including Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan and broader international arena, the two sides expressed their resolve in finding political solutions to the ongoing conflicts in accordance with the

legitimate rights of the peoples and in continuing their cooperation in extending humanitarian assistance to people in need,

Both sides emphasized their support to the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people and the recently established Palestinian national unity government. In solidarity with Palestinian people, they called upon the international community and Islamic countries to increase their support to the cause of Palestine, including the establishment of the State of Palestine with Al-Quds Al-Sharif as its capital.

Both sides decided to continue to support the activities of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) and to deepen the cooperation among the Member States through the implementation of the decisions of the Eminent Persons Group (EPG) and ECO Trade Agreement (ECOTA),

The two countries are committed to further enhancing their consultations and cooperation within international organizations, in particular the UN. In this regard, Iran expressed its full support to the candidacy of Turkey to the UN Security Council non- permanent membership for the term 2015-2016.

The Parties agreed on the English version of this Joint Declaration.