

**JOINT DECLARATION REGARDING THE OUTCOMES OF THE SECOND  
MEETING OF HIGH LEVEL STRATEGIC COOPERATION COUNCIL  
BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY AND THE  
REPUBLIC OF IRAQ**

**(25 December 2014)**

Turkey and Iraq, sharing strong social bonds, common history and culture as well as brotherly neighboring relations and aiming at promotion of peace, stability and prosperity in the region, had agreed on establishing "High Level Strategic Cooperation Council" on 10 July 2008 in order to develop long term Strategic Partnership to the mutual benefit of their brotherly nations as enshrined in the Joint Political Declaration on the establishment of the Council.

The First Meeting of the Council was held under the co-chairmanship of two Prime Ministers in Baghdad on 15 October 2009, which resulted in signing of 48 Agreements and Memoranda of Understanding.

The Second Meeting of the Council co-chaired by H.E. Ahmet Davutoğlu, Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey and H.E. Haidar Al Abadi, Prime Minister of the Republic of Iraq was held in Ankara, on 25 December 2014.

Both parties;

- Reiterated their commitment to the principles of cooperation in the Joint Political Declaration establishing the Council.
- Agreed on convening of the Council at least once a year and holding reciprocal visits of the Ministers within a regular basis as envisioned in the Declaration.
- Underscored the significance of reinvigorating the cooperation and solidarity in the face of common threats and challenges stemming from the presence of terrorist organizations such as DEASH in the region and appreciated the international support given to Iraq including Turkey's readiness to train the Iraqi security forces and Turkish role in the fight to defeat DEASH. Similarly, Turkey and Iraq will continue to cooperate against the threat posed by PKK terrorist organization.
- The Government of Turkey welcomes the formation of the Iraqi Government under the leadership of Mr. Al-Abadi. Both sides expressed the significance of preserving Iraq's unity, sovereignty and territorial integrity and implementation of policies embracing all segments of Iraq irrespective of their identities.

- Reiterated their commitment to enhance cooperation to increase their economic, trade, energy, oil, electricity, water and cultural relations with the conclusion of agreements in these fields.
- Welcomed the agreement of 2 December 2014 between the Central Government of Iraq and the KRG on the Iraqi oil which belongs to all the people of Iraq.
- Also welcomed the significant contributions of Turkish contractors to infrastructuring of Iraq, and supported the continuation of these in the future and decided to facilitate all possible efforts in this direction.

**Council has decided to hold the third meeting in Baghdad in 2015.**



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