



→ As one of the founding members of the United Nations, Turkey strives to defend the ideals and advance the goals and principles set forth in the UN Charter.

→ Turkey is a member of a wide spectrum of UN and affiliated specialized agencies, committees and commissions, including:

- **Economic and Social Council**
- **Commission on the Status of Women**
- **Commission for Social Development**
- **Commission on Narcotic Drugs**
- **Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice**
- **Commission on Population and Development**
- **Commission on Sustainable Development**
- **Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations**
- **UN Development Programme**
- **UN Environmental Programme**
- **UN Children's Fund**
- **UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization**
- **UN Commission on International Trade Law**
- **Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space**

→ Owing to her special geo-strategic position, Turkey is a member of both the Western European and Others Group (WEOG) and the Asian Group within the United Nations system.

→ Believing that sustainable development is the sine-qua-non for lasting stability, Turkey is a global provider of significant humanitarian and technical aid.

→ As a lynchpin of stability in her region, Turkey actively contributes to the peaceful settlement of

existing disputes and cooperates with the international community in averting the emergence of new conflicts. She has been vigilant in watching over peace and security from the Balkans to Afghanistan.

→ Turkey fosters a culture of reconciliation in her environs through initiatives to bridge differences and promote mutually beneficial bilateral and multilateral relations and cooperation among neighbors.

→ This approach finds expression in various diplomatic initiatives. These include efforts to find a just and viable solution to the Cyprus problem; helping, as a member of the OSCE Minsk Group, to resolve frozen conflicts in the South Caucasus, including the initiation of a trilateral channel for dialogue; creating a platform for consultations on developments in Iraq with neighboring countries; and offering her assistance, given the nature of her relations with the parties involved, in ongoing efforts to mediate a negotiated settlement in the Middle East.

→ In order to create a climate conducive to international cooperation, Turkey has been a pioneer in the creation of regional forums such as the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC), the Black Sea Naval Cooperation Task Force (BLACKSEAFOR) and the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO).

→ Despite all this experience and expertise in the pursuit of peace and stability in her region and beyond, Turkey has not held a seat in the Security Council for almost half a century. She now wishes to place her assets at the disposal of the Security Council and make an active contribution the maintenance of international peace and security.