

# Turkey - Active in Forums Fostering International Cooperation



Accession candidate to the European Union



Member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization



Founding member of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (\*)



Founding member of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation



Founding participating state of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe



Founding member of the Economic Cooperation Organization



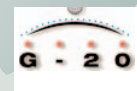
Founding member of the Council of Europe



Founding member of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development



Founding member of Developing Eight Countries (D-8)



Member of the Group of Twenty (G-20)



Founding member of the World Trade Organization



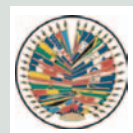
→ Observer Status at the African Union granted on 12 April 2005. Since 1998, Turkey has been pursuing an *Opening Up to Africa* policy, declaring 2005 *The Year of Africa* with a view to promoting and diversifying Turkey's relations with African countries. Turkey has accredited her Embassy in Addis Ababa to the AU.



→ In accordance with her *Opening Up to Asia* policy, Turkey is seeking to establish an institutional relationship with the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) in the form of a Dialogue Partnership, while further developing her bilateral relations with the countries of the Asia-Pacific region.



→ Permanent Observer Status at the Association of Caribbean States - since 1998, Turkey's Latin American Action Plan aims at increasing public awareness in Turkey of the Latin American and Caribbean states and vice versa by developing mutually beneficial ties in political, economic, commercial, social and cultural fields.



→ Permanent Observer Status at the Organization of American States

(\*) The Organization of the Islamic Conference has declared its support for Turkey's candidacy for one of the two non-permanent seats allocated to the Western European States and Others Group (WEOG) at the United Nations Security Council for the term 2009 - 2010, accepting Resolution No.1/31-ORG at the Thirty-First Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers held in June 2004.