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Sovereignty belongs to the Nation



So ripple and wave like the bright dawning sky, oh thou glorious crescent,
So that our every last drop of blood may finally be blessed and worthy!
Neither you nor my kin shall ever be extinguished!
For freedom is the absolute right of my ever-free flag;
For independence is the absolute right of my God-worshipping nation!

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Health Sector Workshop

Prof. Dr. Recep Akdağ, Minister of Health of the Republic of Turkey, attended the Health Sector Workshop which was held on July 14th, 2016 at TOBB (Turkish Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges) in cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce of the USA and with the participation of the medicine and medical devices firms. Rifat Hisarcıklioğlu, President of TOBB, Myron Brilliant, Deputy Chair of Chamber of Commerce of the USA, some Members of Parliaments, representatives of the medicine and medical devices sector and bureaucrats of the Ministry of Health attended this workshop.

During the workshops such issues as investment potential of Turkey in the field of medicine, the provided incentives and policies and contribution of policies and innovation to efficiency and effectiveness were addressed. In his presentation, Prof. Dr. Recep Akdağ stated that the continuous dialogue with stakeholders of the health sector made positive contribution to the success of the Health Transformation Program.



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Prof. Dr. Recep Akdağ, Minister of Health of the Republic of Turkey, and Zsuzsanna Jakab, WHO Regional Director for Europe, had a teleconference on July 13th, 2016 and evaluated the cooperation areas between Turkey and WHO.

Within this framework, opinions were exchanged regarding Host Country Agreement which will establish legal basis of “WHO Humanitarian and Health Emergency Preparedness Office” in Turkey and they agreed on submitting the agreements of the offices established in other countries to the Ministry of Health in order to use them during the discussions with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey.

Furthermore, it was stated that studies may be started regarding renewal of Health System Performance Evaluation which was previously performed by WHO and information was provided on signature process of the Biannual Cooperation Agreement which regulates the technical collaboration between WHO and Turkey.

During the teleconference, involvement of Turkey in WHO Executive Organs was also discussed and it was expressed that Turkey’s presence in Executive Board and Regional Committee Standing Committee would be beneficial for both parties. Finally, participation in WHO Regional Committee Meeting for Europe which will be organized on September, 12th-15th, 2016 was discussed.

Meeting with Dr. Pavel Ursu, WHO Representative in Turkey

On July 20th, 2016, a meeting was organized with Dr. Pavel Ursu, WHO Representative in Turkey, at the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs to address the cooperation areas between Turkey and WHO.

Within this framework, topics which were previously discussed on July 13th, 2016 during teleconference of Prof. Dr. Recep Akdağ, Minister of Health of the Republic of Turkey, and Zsuzsanna Jakab, WHO Regional Director for Europe, were followed. Information was provided concerning 2016-2017 situation of the

“WHO Humanitarian and Health Emergency Preparedness Office” planned to be established in Turkey and Biannual Cooperation Agreement. Health System Performance Evaluation and Non-communicable Diseases Household Research which will be conducted in Turkey by the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs in collaboration with General Directorate of Health Researches and WHO were discussed as well. Furthermore, document which includes activities of Antep Office was shared with General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs.

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Coordination Meeting for High-Level Civil Servants Meeting within the framework of the preparations for 2nd Meeting of Turkey-Qatar High Strategic

Within the framework of the 2nd Meeting of Turkey -Qatar High Strategic Committee which is planned to be hosted by H.E. President of the Republic of Turkey and held in Turkey, in November 2016,

a coordination meeting was organized at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on July 21st, 2016 before the High-Level Civil Servant Meeting and General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs too attended this meeting.

16th Meeting of Coordination Board of Intellectual and Industrial Property Rights

The 16th Meeting of Coordination Board of Intellectual and Industrial Property Rights was held at Turkish Patent Institute on July 28th, 2016 in order to establish short, medium and long-term strategies, develop coordination and cooperation between relevant institutions and ensure efficacy of the applications. Hüseyin Çelik, Deputy Undersecretary of the Ministry of Health, General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs and Turkish Medicines and Medical Devices Institution attended the meeting on behalf of the Ministry of Health. During the meeting, such issues as

developments in the field of intellectual and industrial property rights in the first half of 2016, the latest situation of National Intellectual Rights Strategy Document and Action Plan and National Geographical Signs Strategy Document and application of Action Plan, studies of Turkey-EU Industrial Property Rights Working Group and the 6th Meeting held on May 26th, 2016, design registration expenses in R&D Reform Package, restrictions on the use of tobacco and alcohol brands in other products and its reflection to the brand legislation.

Host Country Agreement on “WHO Humanitarian and Health Emergency Preparedness Office”

On July 28th, 2016, a meeting was organized with the participation of General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Foreign Affairs in order to discuss the “WHO Humanitarian and Health Emergency Preparedness Office” planned to be established in Turkey.

During the meeting, it was agreed to make various amendments to the agreement text, submit such amendments to WHO and receive opinions of WHO and organize a meeting in the second week of August in order to finalize the agreement text with the participation of Ministry of Foreign Affairs and legal team of WHO.

Preparatory Meeting of 2017-2021 Strategic Plan

Within the framework of 2017-2021 Strategic Plan, a meeting was organized at the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs on July 20th, 2016, with the participation of Strategy Development Presidency. During the meeting, opinions were exchanged regarding performance of indicators in 2013-2017 Strategic Plan and the targets set in 2017-2021 Strategic Plan.

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Preparatory Meeting of 3rd Term Turkey-Kenya Joint Economy Meeting

Prior to the 3rd Term Turkey-Kenya Joint Economy Meeting which is planned to be held in Nairobi on August 1st-2nd, 2016, a preparatory meeting was organized at the Ministry of Economics on July 25th, 2016 and General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs attended this meeting as well.



Protocol Trainings

Within the framework of protocol trainings organized by the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs, trainings were provided for Deputy Presidents and Heads of Departments of Public Hospitals Institution of Turkey on July 15th, 2016, 94 staff at Turkish Medicines and Medical Devices

Institution on July 22nd, 2016 and 85 staff at Turkish Medicines and Medical Devices Institution on July 29th, 2016. Thereby, protocol trainings which were provided for security officers, secretaries, drivers and service personnel in central organization and affiliated institutions were completed.

Consultation Meetings regarding trainings to be held at Training and Research Hospitals in Somali and Sudan

A consultation meeting was organized by the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs with the officials of Public Hospitals Institution on July 26th, 2016 regarding medicine, specialization in medicine and allied healthcare personnel trainings which will be provided at training and research hospitals in Somalia and Sudan.

During the meeting, the current legislation was evaluated and stakeholders were determined concerning the specialized doctors and allied healthcare personnel in Somalia and Sudan.

A consultation meeting was held at the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs on July 29th, 2016 within the framework of medicine and allied healthcare personnel trainings to be provided at Somalia Mogadishu-Turkey Training and Research Hospital and Nyala-Sudan Turkey Training and Research Hospital run by the Ministry of Health with joint operation model.

Public Hospitals Institution and General Directorate of Health Services also attended the meeting and discussed the training processes for the relevant hospitals.

Foreign Healthcare Professionals with Ongoing Training in Turkey

Training programs of the foreign healthcare staff who are receiving training as observers in the affiliated training and research hospitals of the Ministry are ongoing under bilateral agreements.

Within the framework of such programs, a total of 125 foreign healthcare staff received training as of July 31st, 2016 as follows:

Out of 13 foreign healthcare staff:

- Training of 1 Azeri healthcare staff is ongoing in the field of In vitro Fertilization (IVF) for February 1, 2016 - August 5, 2016;

- Training of 1 Afghan healthcare staff is ongoing in the field of Gynecology for April 17 - October 15, 2016;
- Training of 1 Kosovo healthcare staff is ongoing in the field of Invasive Cardiology for May 9, 2016 - October 7, 2016;
- Training of 10 Azeri healthcare staff is ongoing in the field of Cardiology, Gynecology, Laboratory and Urology for July 11- October 7, 2016.

Services Project Investment Need Analysis Workshop

Within the framework of “Technical Aid Project for Preparation of National Strategy on EU Harmonization in the Chapter of Right of Establishment and Freedom to Provide Services (Services Project)”, some studies are conducted in the field of legal, administrative, technological, human resources and financial issues in order to ensure mutual recognition of Right of Establishment and Freedom to Provide Services and vocational qualifications, performance of relevant regulations, establishment of “Single Contact Point” and “National Support Center” and consequently sound execution of the functions and cooperation by the stakeholders.

As a result of the studies, “Investment Need Analysis Working Report” was prepared for each of the services and professional qualifications. To this aim, a workshop was organized on July 12th-13th, 2016 in order to exchange opinions on project recommendations and administrative capacity. General Directorate of Health Services, Strategy Development Presidency, Turkish Medicines and Medical Devices Institution and General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs attended this workshop.

Treatment of Foreign Patients in Turkey

As per “Article 14 of the Basic Law on Health Services no 3359” 80 patients and as per Bilateral Agreements and Protocols 503 patients – 592 foreign patients in total - were treated in Turkey as of July 31st, 2016.

SIROMA Health Components Need Analysis Meeting

Within the framework of “Promoting Social Inclusion in Densely Roman Populated Areas” project whose beneficiaries are Ministry of Family and Social Policies, Ministry of National Education and Ministry of Health, a meeting was organized at the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs on July 1st, 2016 regarding “health” component of the project.

Public Health Institution of Turkey and Technical Team of the Project attended the meeting during which it was discussed to prepare a survey to distribute in provincial informative meetings in order to obtain opinions of the Roman NGOs regarding health needs.



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