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Programme

Turkey's policies for engagement in the contemporary world

Thursday 24 – Sunday 27 March 2011 | WP1031

In association with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ankara
and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London
To be held in the Conrad Hotel, Istanbul

Thursday 24 March

1500-1815 Registration in hotel foyer

1830 Bus departs for reception hosted by HM Consul General Jessica Hand at Pera House

1900 Reception drinks

2015 Bus from Pera House returns to the Conrad Hotel

Friday 25 March

0800-0900 Breakfast in the Monet restaurant

0900-0915 **Welcome and introduction in the Junior Ballroom**

Richard Burge
Chief Executive, Wilton Park

0915-1115 **1. Turkey, its neighbours and Europe**

Lord Howell
Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London

Selim Yenal
Ambassador, Deputy Under-Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ankara

1115-1200 Conference photograph followed by tea/coffee

1200-1315 **2. Is Turkey's evolving foreign policy compatible with EU neighbourhood policy?**

Kemal Kirişci
Professor, International Relations and Jean Monnet Chair, Department of Political Science and International Relations, Boğazici University, Istanbul

1315 Lunch in the Manzara restaurant

1430-1530
1545-1645

3. Turkey's relations with its neighbours

(Presentations to plenary followed by break out groups led by the speaker)

a. Russia

Marat Terterov

Director and Founder of the European Geopolitical Forum, Brussels

b. South Caucasus

Brenda Shaffer

Senior Lecturer, School of Political Science, University of Haifa, Haifa

c. Balkans

Dimitar Bechev

Senior Policy Fellow and Head of Sofia Office, European Council on Foreign Relations, Sofia

d. The Middle East and Iran

Meliha Benli-Altunışık

Director, Social Sciences Institute, Middle East Technical University, Ankara

1645-1715

Tea/coffee

1715-1830

4. The Cyprus issue

Hugh Pope

Turkey/Cyprus Project Director, International Crisis Group, Istanbul

1830-1850

5. Brief five minute reports from session 4 breakout groups

1945

Reception and light buffet in the Palm Court to be hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Saturday 26 March

0800-0900

Breakfast in the Monet restaurant

0900-1015

6. Turkey's role in resolving conflicts

Ibrahim Kalin

Chief Adviser, Prime Minister of Turkey, Ankara

Adam Szymański

Assistant Professor, Institute of Political Science, University of Warsaw

1015-1100

Tea/coffee

1045-1200

7. Turkey's new foreign policy vision

Ahmet Davutoğlu

Foreign Minister of Turkey, Ankara

1200-1315

8. Turkey's evolving relations

a. Outreach policies (Africa, Asia-Pacific and Latin America)

Bülent Aras

Head, Strategic Research Centre, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Turkey

b. G-20

Mithat Rende

Director General, Multilateral Economic Issues and Energy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ankara

c. Global energy dynamics

Mithat Balkan

Ambassador (retd); former Coordinator and Adviser on Energy Issues at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ankara

1315-1430 Buffet lunch in the Manzara restaurant

1430-1445 **9. Brief five minute reports from session 8 breakout groups**

1445-1600 **10. Is Turkey's evolving foreign policy compatible with US foreign policy objectives?**

Selim Yenel

Deputy Under-Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ankara

Scott Kilner

US Consul General, US Consulate, Istanbul

Omer Taspinar

Director, Turkey Project, Brookings Institution, Washington DC

1600-1630 Tea/coffee

1630-1800 **11. Turkey and the European Union: next steps?**

F.H. Burak Erdenir

Deputy Secretary General, General Secretariat for EU Affairs, Ankara

Volkan Vural

Retired Ambassador; TÜSİAD Board Member and President of External Relations and EU Affairs Committee, Istanbul

Jean-Christophe Filori

Head of Unit - Turkey, Enlargement Directorate General, European Commission, Brussels

1800-1815 **12. Concluding remarks**

1900 Bus leaves hotel for buffet dinner on boat touring the Bosphorus

Sunday 27 March

0800-0900 Breakfast in the Monet restaurant

0930 Participants depart