

# **PROTOCOL OF THE TWENTY SEVENTH SESSION OF THE TURKISH-ROMANIAN JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION**

The Turkish - Romanian Joint Economic Commission (hereinafter referred to as the Joint Economic Commission JEC) established in accordance with the understanding reached between the Governments of both Sides on 14 June 1970, held its Technical Meeting for the Twenty Seventh Session in Ankara, on 30 September - 02 October 2019.

The Turkish delegation was led by H.E. Mr. Fuat Oktay, Vice President of the Republic of Turkey and the Romanian delegation was led by H.E Mr. Mihai\_Viorel Fifor, Vice Prime Minister for Romania's Strategic Partnerships' Implementation.

The members of the two delegations are listed in Annex I of this Protocol.

Both Sides prepared the Action Plan, annexed as Annex II to this Protocol, with a view to rapidly realize the agenda items and agreed issues of the Protocol of Twenty Seventh Session of the Turkish - Romanian JEC in a certain timetable and in order to obtain tangible results.

**Both sides will ensure at their utmost capacity that the two Agreements, annexed as Annex III to this protocol, will be implemented as rapidly as possible.**

The Action Plan includes .... actions in .... different areas, which will contribute to the development of the bilateral cooperation between the Republic of Turkey and Romania.

**Romania will continue to support Turkey's accession process to the EU as well as efforts towards the modernization of the Customs Union.**

Both Sides recognized that the problems encountered by Turkey regarding free trade agreement negotiations with third countries have negative effects not only on Turkish firms but also on the EU firms operating in Turkey. The Turkish Side requested the support of the Romanian Side for inviting the European Commission to further collaborate with Turkey to find a concrete solution to this issue.

The Turkish Side, regarding the safeguard measure of the EU on the importation of steel products, underlining the high importance that Turkey attaches on favoring of a measure that will least affect the implementation of the Free Trade Agreement on Coal and Steel Products between Turkey and the EU and allocation of global quotas rather than country specific quotas within this framework, asked the support of the Romanian Side on these issues before the EU Commission.

Both Sides decided to hold the Twenty Eight Session of the Turkish - Romanian JEC in Bucharest, on a date to be agreed through diplomatic channels.

Done on 30 September – 02 of October, 2019, in Ankara, in two original copies in the English language, **both texts being equally authentic** and signed on 02 October, 2019, in Ankara.

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