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Mr. Mehmet Müezzinoğlu accepted a delegation involving Mr. Yutoko Yukai, the Ambassador of Japan in Ankara, Mr. Kürşat Tüzmen, Former Minister of Customs and Trade and representatives from the firm ITEC on 30 June 2014.

During the discussion, the efforts by ITEC to be involved in the PPP Projects in Turkey were handled.



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**Mr. Mehmet Müezzinoğlu accepted
the Ambassador of Azerbaijan Mr. Faig Bagirov**



The Minister accepted Mr. Faig Bagirov, Ambassador of Azerbaijan, on 16 July 2014 at 12:00 p.m. in his office. Bilateral cooperation issues were handled during the discussion including a demand on air ambulance.



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The Minister participated in an Iftar Program in Thessaloniki



Mr. Mehmet Müezzinoğlu came together with our collaterals at an Iftar program coordinated by Turkish Airlines in Thessaloniki, Greece on 22 July 2014.

During the program which was organized within the context of direct flights of Turkish Airlines to Thessaloniki, "We should strengthen our perspectives by bringing the historical wealth into present through cultural projects. We should create societies living as friends instead of societies destroying or conflicting each other" said the Minister.

Within the scope of the program, the Minister visited historical Ottoman monuments as well as the house where Atatürk was born in Thessaloniki. The Minister also had a conversation with the Mayor of Thessaloniki.



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Dr. Ahmet Gülle, Minister of Health of Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus and Accompanying Delegation paid a visit to Turkey

On 14-15 July 2014, Dr. Ahmet Gülle, Minister of Health of Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus and an accompanying delegation paid a visit to Turkey. Guest Minister had a discussion with the Minister of Health of Turkey, Dr. Mehmet Müezzinoğlu on 15 July 2014 at 13:30 p.m. in his office.

During the discussion, two Ministers discussed on the amendments in some articles of the Agreement between countries dated 2008, signing of the provisions agreed through a protocol and bilateral cooperation issues between two countries.



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General Director of the Social Security Institution of Mexico paid a visit to Turkey

Deputy Minister Mr. Agah Kafkas accepted Mr. Jose Antonio Gonzales Anaya, General Director of the Social Security Institution of Mexico, on 7 July 2014 at 15:30 in his office.

During the discussion, Mr. Gonzales Anaya stated that he has been impressed from the general health insurance reform and health transformations of our country and added that they are trying to make a similar reform in Mexico.

Deputy Minister implied that decisive steps should be taken together with an approach involving all components of the society for such a successful reform and transformation. He also stated that the success in the field of health brings about successes in other fields.

Guest General Director also paid a visit to the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs on the same day. Mr. Gonzales noted that Turkey is far ahead from Mexico in the field of health and pointed out the necessity of cooperation in this field between Turkey and Mexico. General Director of EU and Foreign Affairs summarized the progresses made in the scope of Health Transformation Program by giving a short briefing.



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Undersecretary of the Ministry of Health accepted the Rector of Manas University in Kyrgyzstan

Prof. Dr. Eyüp Gümüş, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Health, accepted Prof. Dr. Sabahattin Balcı, Rector of the Manas University in Kyrgyzstan, on 1 July 2014 at 14:30 in his own office.



During the discussion, Mr. Balcı stated that a process has been launched in Kyrgyzstan for making reforms in 28 areas by the President of Kyrgyzstan and in this scope Manas University has been charged with preparing a report regarding reforms in 8 areas including the "health" area. He requested from the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Turkey to assign experts for a mutual symposium on this reform process in Kyrgyzstan before 22 July.

Mr. Eyüp Gümüş instructed the relevant authorities to send a delegation including experts to Kyrgyzstan in this framework.

Mr. Balcı also expressed that a small health centre under the body of Kyrgyzstan Manas University demands from the Ministry of Health of Turkey to charge a specialist doctor for to serve in this centre providing that the salary of the doctor will be paid by the University. Mr. Balcı demanded Dr. Ayetullah Koçak to be deployed for the position who had to return to Turkey for compulsory service while serving in this centre formerly.



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Undersecretary of the Ministry of Health of Turkey accepted the Deputy Minister of Health of Azerbaijan.

Prof. Dr. Eyüp Gümüş had a discussion with the Deputy Minister of Health of Azerbaijan on 10 July 2014 at 12:00 who came to our country on the occasion of Turkey-Azerbaijan Joint Economic Commission Meeting held on 10-11 July 2014 in Ankara.

During the discussion, following issues were addressed:

- Revision of the Protocol between two countries dated on 1994 as to meet today's needs***
- Visit by a technical delegation under the chairmanship of Prof. Dr. Eyüp Gümüş, Undersecretary of the Ministry, to Azerbaijan for negotiating on the letter of Agreement within September or November.***
- Exchange of views on getting Azerbaijani medical students in our country to provide health service in Azerbaijan rather than staying in Turkey after graduation.***
- Eurasia Uro-Oncology Congress to be held in Baku on January, 2015***
- Sustaining the treatment of Azerbaijani patient Ziya Kazımov in our country who has been receiving treatment free of charge in the framework of the Protocol dated on 2012 after getting a new treatment request from the Ministry of Health of Azerbaijan.***



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Undersecretary of Ministry of Health of Turkey accepted his Colleague from the Ministry of Health of Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, Dr. Ömer Gür

Mr. Eyüp Gümüş, Undersecretary of the Ministry, had a bilateral discussion with Dr. Ömer Gür, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Health of Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, on 14 July 2014 at 14:00 p.m.

Issues discussed during the meeting are as follows:

- ***Enabling the doctors with dual nationality to carry out their compulsory service in T.R.N.C.***
- ***Demand on 10 Ambulances and 10 Dental Units***
- ***Examination of the oncology hospital to be completed in 1,5 years by Turkish experts during the construction process and deployment of a Radiation Oncologist in the hospital***
- ***Covering the treatment costs of patients coming from TRNC to Turkey and TRNC students studying in Turkey through SUT (Health Implementation Statement)***



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Mr. Osman Eldirdiri, Ambassador of Sudan in Ankara, paid a visit to the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs

Mr. Osman Eldirdiri, Ambassador of Sudan in Ankara, had a discussion with Dr. Oner Güner, General Director of EU and Foreign Affairs, in his office.

The Ambassador stated his intention to discuss on the issues regarding bilateral cooperation between two countries and asked for our opinions on two main topics. Firstly, he stated that they are demanding to benefit from the experiences of Turkey during the 12-year process on Health Transformation Program for their proposed health reform to improve health services in Sudan. He further added that an official letter on the issue has been sent to the Minister of Health of the Republic of Turkey by Mr. İdris Abu Garda, Minister of Health of Sudan, which included their request from Turkey to transfer her experiences to Sudan and contribute to the improvement and transformation of health system in Sudan by deploying a coordinator in Sudan.

Secondly, Mr. Elbomark expressed that the trainings provided to Sudanese health staff in the hospitals under the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Turkey which were financed by TIKA were of great benefit and requested the training durations to be prolonged.



Turkey-WHO Country Cooperation Strategy Meeting was held in Ankara

A meeting was held on 1 July 2014 in the Turkish Drug and Medical Device Institution on the opinions and recommendations as well as contributions and roles of the agencies and institutions to be involved in the Country Cooperation Strategy between Turkey and WHO regarding the strategic objectives and study fields.

WHO representatives from European Region and relevant authorities from the Ministry of Health of Turkey including the personnel from the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs participated in the meeting.



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General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs participated in the 5th Session of Turkey-Azerbaijan Intergovernmental JEC Meeting

The 5th Session of Turkey-Azerbaijan Intergovernmental JEC Meeting was held on 10-11 July 2014 in Ankara under the co-chairmanship of Mr. Beşir Atalay, Deputy Prime Minister of Turkey and Mr. Abid Şerifov, Deputy Prime Minister of Azerbaijan. Personnel from the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs ensured participation to the meeting.

Under the "health" topic of the meeting, following issues were discussed:

- a. 15.1 Parties emphasized the necessity to further improve the productive relations attained under the framework of the Protocol between the Republic of Turkey and the Republic of Azerbaijan in the fields of Health and Medicine signed on 9 February 1994.*
- b. 15.2. Parties underlined the importance of organizing experience consultations on accreditation in health facilities and improving the cooperation towards the implementation of international quality standards in the health service delivery.*

2014 Assessment Meeting of Barbaros Turkish Maritime Task Group.

Assessment Meeting on Barbaros Turkish Maritime Task Group which was realized by the Turkish Naval Force and contributed by the Ministry of Health between the dates 17 March - 27 June in Africa was carried out in the Turkish Naval Force on 11 July 2014.

General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs participated in the meeting and evaluated the process under the responsibility of the Ministry of Health during the event.



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TAIEX Seminar on High-level Patient Security in the Transfusion Therapy in Emergencies and Special Cases

General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs, General Directorate of Health Services, Gazi University and Gulhane Military Medical Academy provided participants to TAIEX Seminar on High-level Patient Security in the Transfusion Therapy in Emergencies and Special Cases held by the Ministry of Health of Romania on 7-9 July 2014.

During the seminar, various issues were discussed including the importance of EU regulations on blood supply and patient safety, donor and patient safety in emergencies, implementations towards quality and safety in emergencies in non-EU member states (Dr. Nigar Ertuğrul made a presentation on behalf of Turkey), structure and emergency practices of National Authorities responsible from blood services in Southern-Eastern Europe, cooperation mechanisms, mechanisms towards ensuring a high-level safety for donors and patients.

WHO Studies on Establishing a GDO for Preparedness Against Humanitarian and Health Emergencies

A meeting was held on 9 July 2014 towards the studies for establishing a WHO GDO under the chairmanship of Dr. Oner Guner, General Director of EU and Foreign Affairs, with the participations of Prof. Dr. Seçil Özkan, Director of Turkish Public Health Agency, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Osman Nacar, General Director of Emergency Health Services and Mr. Doğan Demirel, Deputy General Director of Health for Borders and Coasts. During the meeting, issues regarding the establishment of GDO and agreement details were discussed.

A Technical Delegation from the Ministry of Health of Macedonia paid a visit to Turkey

A technical delegation consisting of 2 experts from the Ministry of Health of Macedonia visited Turkey on 9-12 July 2014 aiming to exchange information on Performance-based Payment System, Circulating Capital implementations carried out within the Health Transformation Program of the Ministry of Health of Turkey as well as on implementations including MEDULA (Medical Messenger), SUT (Health Implementation Statement and BUT (Budget Implementation Instruction) conducted in coordination with SGK (Social Security Institution).

Briefings were presented to the technical delegation by the experts from the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs, Turkish Drug and Medical Device Institution and Social Security Institution.



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Discussions between WHO and the Ministry of Health of Turkey regarding the establishment of a GDO for Preparedness against Humanitarian and Health Emergencies in our country were made in İzmir on 14-15 July and in İstanbul on 16-17 July 2014.

A meeting where Hosting Agreement, work plan, personnel profile and job definitions as well as further cooperation issues were discussed regarding the establishment of the Technical Expertise Office (GDO) for Preparedness against Humanitarian and Health Emergencies in Turkey, was held on 15-16 July in İzmir Urla International Emergency Disaster Training and Simulation Center with the participations of the representatives from WHO and the Ministry.

Following the meeting which also involved the introduction of operations and trainings carried out in İzmir Urla International Emergency Disaster Training and Simulation Center, discussions were conducted in İstanbul where the office will be established.

During the meeting held in the General Directorate of Health for Borders and Coasts on 17 July 2014, Turkey's capacity to support WHO within the scope of GDO was discussed and it was agreed to further enhance the cooperation. Facilities where the office will be established were visited and analysed for their convenience.

Steering Committee Meeting on the Project for Fighting Selected Risk Factors in Health

General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs provided participants to the Steering Committee Meeting on the Project for Fighting Selected Risk Factors in Health which was held by the Ministry of National Education and involved the Ministry of Health as co-beneficiary on 17 July 2014.

During the meeting which also involved the participations of the Ministry of EU, MFİB (Central Finance and Contracting Unit) and EU Delegation in Turkey, the participants were informed about the progress made during the preparation process of the project and consultations were made to use the remaining period more effectively.



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Trainings provided as of June 2014 by the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs are as follows.

259 Foreign Health Personnel (194 MD, 65 allied health personnel) have completed their training
2 Foreign Health Personnel (1 MD, 1 allied health personnel) are continuing their training
72 Foreign Health Personnel (33 MD, 39 allied health personnel) have been planned for training
Total: 333 Foreign Health Personnel (228 MD, 105 allied health personnel)

UZBEKISTAN (8 person)	Pediatrics	8	1-28 June 2014	Dr. Sami Ulus Children Health and Diseases Training and Research Hospital
KOSOVO (16 person)	Emergency Aid	16	1-14 June 2014	İzmir Urla International Emergency Disaster Training and Simulation Center
GAMBIA (8 person)	Neonatology Radiology	8	1-28 June 2014	Ankara Etlik Zübeyde Hanım Gynecological Diseases Training and Research Hospital
TURKMENISTAN (10 person)	Neurosurgery Urology	10	15-29 June 2014	Ankara Training and Research Hospital
JORDAN (15 person)	Emergency Aid	15	3-15 August 2014	İzmir Urla International Emergency Disaster Training and Simulation Center
KOSOVO 10 person)	Surgery, Intensive Care, Radiology	10	15 September – 15 October 2014	Dışkapı Yıldırım Beyazıt Training and Research Hospital

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