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(Turkey and Arab Countries)

When we look at the main trends in the world, global competition in the age of new economy based on "information and knowledge-based products" following "soil and machinery" is developing through "micro-nationalism", "integration" and "unpredictability". Challenges that determine the new nature of life and state; such as " crisis in resource and sharing ", unsustainability of production-consumption-growth formula, purge of the middle class with Chinese leverage, energy, water, and food insecurity, transition to the 4th dimension, liquidation of human resources in the workforce, transition from hard power to soft and smart power on the basis of the very changing state nature and anticipation management, can be formed as the basic references.

Within all these fundamental parameters, the transformations in technology are prone to change the whole human life and nature by developing with artificial intelligence, virtual/enhanced reality and mobility centered. It is obvious that the concepts of "Industry 4.0" and "Society 5.0" are important topics for managing the transformation of the world within the dimensions of industry and society. Another contributive factor is the turbulence that China creates as it begins to become intensively dominant on the world stage day to day. The New Silk Road project, "One Belt and One Road Initiative"; is shaped as a global integration project involving more than hundred countries, both on land and at sea, permanently changing the distribution of economic shares. In countries with no middle class, authoritarian regimes or chaos stands as two options in the fore-seeable future. How to make the division of labor in terms of regional and global security and how to share the costs is also a point of discussion in the coming period.

The development of new alliances on security can be read from the risks and the initiatives undertaken by dominant countries. The quality of the concepts of property and power, and the business model change historically. The future of the EU with the "Failure in Success" syndrome will be determined by the results of the polarization which revived in the West after the Brexit. Along with all these developments, "Ecosystem of safety" changes with the law. The "Security - Democracy" dilemma will be experienced much more after that. Because, for the democracy, it is difficult to survive in countries where the middle class is melting and security leans to a sophisticated ground. The question "Will security bring us authoritarian regimes" needs to be discussed further.

Due to historical, cultural and social ties between Turkey and Arab World; both parties have to maintain close relations with each other. Turkey with its multi-dimensional and visionary foreign policy supports all the actions that would bring peace, prosperity and stability to Middle East.

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In order to resolve common problems in the region; adapting a sense of regionalism is responsibility of each country. Maintaining permanent peace, stability and security and sustainable economy is vitally important for all Middle Eastern countries. Establishing security and stability is crucial for economic development and prosperity. Actions like; resolution of conflicts through dialogue, increasing economic dependency between countries and strengthen social and cultural bonds should be endeavored.

While maintaining relations with Arab World, Turkey should not see this process as a political project but a platform where mutual interests are taken into consideration. Between Arab countries and Turkey; a healthy relation based on trade has been established. It is important to strengthen the structural base of relations and cooperation between Turkey and Arab countries.

Within this framework; Multi-Dimensional platforms like Turkish-Arab Cooperation Forum and Turkey-Cooperation of Arab States of the Gulf High Level Strategic Dialogue have become prominent. Besides with regards to dual relations, Hi-Level Cooperation Councils have been established with Syria, Iraq and Lebanon. There are also efforts to establish cooperation councils with other Arab countries in the region.

Trade, finance, transportation, energy and tourism are the sectors that have become prominent in current agreements between Turkey and Arab countries. Development of relations in multi-dimensional security should also be evaluated. Sustainable stability can only be achieved through assuring public safety, security and prosperity. In order to protect territorial integrity, sovereignty and political unity and prevent sectarian, ethnic and religious conflicts in Middle East, Turkey and Arab World should develop their relations. Also improving cooperation between Turkey and Arab countries in the fields of defense industry, cyber security, water, energy and food security; training of armed forces, preventing illegal immigration and human trafficking and protecting environment is necessary.

The word “security” basically means being far away from threats, anxieties and dangers. In the state of security, acquired current values are not under threat. With the end of the Cold War, realist security paradigm dominating military and political issues have begun to be questioned.

In a globalized world where non-state actors have become visible; approaches with regards to security problems which do not remove the obstacles that prevent the will of the society and individual, do not analyze the expectations of the people and ignore security-freedom relations are far away from providing solutions.

Societal, cultural, historical, environmental and individual securities have become the basic concept of security researches and policies. In brief, security has a multi-dimensional characteristic at the level of both as a subject and an actor. Within this regard; concepts like “Common Security”, “Mutual Security”, “Cooperative Security”, “Cooperative Security”, “Security Partnership”, “Environmental Safety”, “Information Security”, “Public Security”, “Regional Security”, and “Supplementary Security” have become important.

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Due to technological advancements and change in global economical system; there has been a swift change in global balance of power. On the one hand, the power of the states has declined with regards to discussions about security; on the other hand organizations like UN, NATO, EU, CICA, OSCE and SCO have become prominent. The concept of security has become multidimensional and complicated so that one actor cannot maintain it alone. At this point collective security is very important. With globalization, security paradigms have changed and transformed from national and international to regional and global.

Due to security concerns of the last century, permanent security cooperation has not been established between Turkey and Arab countries. In today's world where discussions on different dimensions of security, prioritizing of governance and civil society, featuring regional security perspectives have begun and cooperation in maintaining multidimensional security is in the interest of Turkey and Arab World.

All security areas are connected to each other; therefore it is impossible for one country to maintain its security alone without international cooperation and multi-dimensional governance. International governance asserts the need of countries to go beyond collective security understanding and to adopt institutionalized cooperation, consultation and interdependency in every field. If the participation of individuals to NGOs, international organizations and state institutions cannot be provided, it is impossible to create a secure environment.

Within this framework; it is crucially important for Turkey and Arab countries to cooperate in multi-dimensional security with regards to their long term and midterm interests. Especially there is huge potential of cooperation between Turkey and Arab countries in the fields of defense, industry, training military personal and creation of a joint military force.

Technological superiority in Defense and Aerospace Industry are the bases of security policies and production of technological information which provides political and economical advantages. A Defense industry which can minimize its foreign dependency, use its own resources at optimum level, produce high-tech ; is the most important assurances of strong economy, peace, stability and security.

A decrease in defense expenditures of USA and European countries, an increase in defense expenditures of countries in the conflict zones are projected for the near future. Also it is foreseen that the countries in the conflict zones will improve the military technology that they import from Western countries. In this situation, with a proactive position, Turkey and Arab countries can cooperate in order to acquire their own technologies in the long-term and midterm.

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Development of international cooperation in defense industry, improvement of infrastructure of defense industry, reducing foreign dependency, reaching scale economy, reducing the costs, managing risks, providing competitive advantage, reaching target markets, creating new technologies and administrative synergy will be beneficial for various sectors. Also strategy partnerships and development of balanced regional/global cooperation are necessary.

In order to deepen Turkish-Arab relations; cooperation in military training and defense industry should be strengthened between Turkey and friend - sibling Arab countries.

Building interdependence that will bring strength and justice to our civilization beyond religion, language, history and geography is the basic mental threshold in front of Turkish - Arab relations. The inclusion of the Diasporas of the Turkish and Arab Worlds in the mutual process is one of the main strategic areas.

With all the priorities detailed above, **Turkish - Arab Strategic Dialog** aims to contribute civilly and academically at healthy management of Strategic Interdependence and Trust Building parameters and creating a common consciousness between Turkey and Arab countries.

Main Theme

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Primary Sectors

Public Diplomacy, Education and Language

Culture and Tourism (Common History and Anthropology)

Construction, Construction Business and Infrastructure

Health and Health Tourism

Energy, Petro-chemistry and Investments

Logistics, Transportation and Communication

Banking and Finance

Economy and Trade

Media and Communication

Science and Technology



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Brand Cities and Environment

Defence and Space Industry

Sub Themes

Multi-Dimensional Security Cooperation: Political, Strategic and Economic Bases

Soft Power Building and Expectations Management: Experiences and Acquirements

Multi-Dimensional and Supplementary Security Cooperation:

Environment
Terrorism
Smuggling
Energy, Food, Water Security
Demographics
Health
Climate
Urban Planning
Technology

STUDIES AND ACTIVITIES (DRAFT)

Method

Inductive Reasoning, Participation and Economic Deepening

Turkish - Arab Committee of Wise Persons Meetings Workshop

Building Capacity and Ecosystem Inventory

Preparation of Research Projects and their Reports

Development of Pro-active Policy Recommendations

Round-Table Meetings/Workshops

Multilateral Workshops/Studies

Sector Workshops/Activities

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Applied Interactive Modelings

Strategic Reports

Publication of sector studies as strategic reports for decision makers, private sector, media and public opinion of the sides. Providing literature and memory support.

Media Conferences

Other Academic Studies

Strategic Reports, Books, Articles, Thesis and so on Academic Studies