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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.

Turkey distinguishes itself with an 84-million inhabitants, growing economy and geo-strategic status in the center of Afro-Eurasia. Turkey's historical, political and cultural ties between Europe, Black Sea, Caucasus, Asia, Middle East and African countries, rising activity in the international arena, especially in the United Nations, being an important member of organizations such as NATO, OSCE and CICA and with active foreign policy, it has become an increasingly important actor on the global platform.

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Kazakhstan attracts the attention of the world with its population of about 20 million and a surface area of 2,725 million square kilometers, rich surface and underground resources, important geographical location between China and South Asia and Russian Federation and significant economic potential. Kazakhstan, being a member of many regional and international organizations such as the UN, OIC, OSCE, SCO, CIS, Eurasian Economic Union, Collective Security Treaty Organization, CICA, Economic Cooperation Organization, The Cooperation Council of Turkic Speaking States, is one of the 21st century regional power candidates and it is foreseen that its importance will continue to increase in the near future.

Turkey is the first country to recognize the independence of Kazakhstan. The common historical, cultural and spiritual ties between the two countries have been the basis for the rapid development of relations. The principles of relations and cooperation in different fields were regulated, with signing of numerous agreements and protocols with Kazakhstan after gaining its independence. Concordantly with the level of political relations between the two countries reached, Kazakhstan became one of the region's most important political and economic partners with Turkey; relations were moved to a new dimension with the Strategic Partnership Agreement signed in October 2009 and the High-Level Strategic Cooperation Council (YDSK) established in May 2012.

The regional and international cooperation of the two countries is developing rapidly. As a concrete result of the Turkey and Kazakhstan cooperation they maintain in the direction of establishment of peace and stability in the Eurasia, The Cooperation Council of Turkic Speaking States was institutionalized under the leadership of two countries; in this context, Kazakhstan has played a very important role with Turkey to establishment of TURKPA and Turkic Council. Kazakhstan also hosts the International Turkic Academy established within the Turkic Council.

The bilateral trade volume between Turkey and Kazakhstan stood at 3.994 billion dollars in 2019 and trade gap weigh against Turkey was 2.104 billion dollars. The main products exported by Turkey to Kazakhstan are prefabricated buildings, jewelry and parts, seeds, grains and legumes. The main products exported by Kazakhstan to Turkey are refined copper, virgin zinc, petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons. Increasing the trade volume to 10 billion dollars is a common goal of two countries.

In Kazakhstan, Turkish entrepreneurs are quite active particularly food, medication-chemistry industry, construction, hotel management and manufacturing sectors. Turkish construction companies in Kazakhstan have completed almost 500 projects worth close to 25 billion dollars. There are more than 500 Turkish-Kazakh joint venture operating in Kazakhstan and the number of companies with 100% Turkish capital is around 200. In recent years, the investments made by Kazakh companies especially in oil and tourism sector in Turkey has approached 500 million dollars. There are approximately 200 Kazakh capital companies in Turkey.

The mental threshold in the front of Turkey - Kazakhstan relationship is, "sectoral and financial" deepening. In this context, the development of economy and security relations will form the basis for deepening relations in other fields.

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In Kazakhstan there are opportunities for Turkish entrepreneurs to invest in areas such as communication/telecommunications, infrastructure (ports, airports, railways, etc.), value-added textile and export-based industry, service sector (transportation, municipal services, business/trade centers, etc.), agriculture-based industries (agro-food) and partnerships in areas such as demounted wooden furniture, agricultural applications, vehicle spare parts, air conditioning, refrigerator, television, pvc pipe, textile machinery, software, shoes, tourism. In order to accelerate the economic interaction, problems arising from transportation, banking, quota applications and non-tariff barriers should be solved.

Both countries can develop effective strategic cooperation in terms of sustainability of critical long-term interests. Herein, there is a need to look at developments from a broader geopolitical perspective. In order to get through to the ideal point of Turkey and Kazakhstan relations within the multidimensional shaped power systematic, each parameter should be directed towards a structure that will create mutual depth, not only on political and strategic basis.

It is being deeply felt that there is an urgent necessity for collaborative works of the two countries so that the solutions for the regional issues can be found. History offers both the two countries opportunities for deepening their interdependency. In this regard, the **Turkey - Kazakhstan Strategic Dialogue**, which will bring together the representatives of the related sectors in a comprehensive way that includes the strategic dimension of the relations, will play a significant role.

Main Theme

Thinking Diplomacy: New World New Horizons

Sub Themes

New Balances New Economy

Central Asia and Middle East: Turkey - Kazakhstan

Eurasia, Integration in Asia: Turkey - Kazakhstan

New Horizons and Building in the Turkic Council

Energy Security, Supply Policies and Opportunities

Economic Cooperation

Security Defence, Multidimensional Security and Counterterrorism

Transportation, Logistics, Banking

Bilateral and Multilateral Capacity Building in OIC Member Countries

Innovation and Technology Sharing in Public Administration

Opportunities for Academic and Cultural Cooperation

Regional and Global Common Perspectives

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Priority Sectors

Public Diplomacy, Education and Language
Culture and Tourism
Construction, Contracting and Infrastructure
Health and Health Tourism
Energy, Petrochemicals and Investments
Logistics, Transportation and Telecommunication
Banking and Finance (Strategic Investment Fund)
Economy and Trade
Media and Communication
Science and Technology
Brand Cities and Environment
Defense and Space Industry

STUDIES AND ACTIVITIES (DRAFT)

Method

Inductive Reasoning, Participation and Economic Deepening

Turkey - Kazakhstan 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 two countries. Providing literature and memory support.

Media Conferences

Other Academic Studies

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