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Minister of Health of the Republic of Turkey visited Saudi Arabia

Prof. Dr. Recep Akdağ, Minister of Health of the Republic of Turkey, and the accompanying delegation visited Saudi Arabia on June 27th-28th, 2016 in order to address the bilateral cooperation issues with Minister of Health of Saudi Arabia.

The Turkish Minister had a meeting with Saudi Minister of Health Tawfiq al Rabia on June 28th, 2016 and came back to Turkey on Thursday, June 29th, 2016 due to terrorist attacks at Istanbul Ataturk Airport International Terminal.





Zaur Aliyev, President of Mandatory Health Insurance Institution of Azerbaijan, visited Turkey

Zaur Aliyev, President of Mandatory Health Insurance Institution of Azerbaijan, and accompanying delegation visited Turkey on June 21st-23rd, 2016.

Prof. Dr. Recep Akdağ, Minister of Health of the Republic of Turkey, admitted the delegation, on June 23rd, 2016 and shares practices and experiences of Turkey in the field of mandatory health insurance.

Health Leaders' Ministerial Forum

Prof. Dr. Recep Akdağ, Minister of Health of the Republic of Turkey, attended the "Health Leaders' Ministerial Forum" in Harvard.

Ministers of Health from 14 countries participated in the meeting which was attended by 84 Ministers of Health and Finance from 49 countries as of 2012.

The Turkish Minister, who has been the member of Expert Resource Group and Advisory Committee since 2012, is the first person reelected for this position. In addition to board meetings, Prof. Dr. Recep Akdağ is working on transformational leadership and health policies with the visiting Ministers.

The meeting is organized in every June jointly by Harvard Public Health and Harvard Kennedy



Faculty of Management and it aims to remind the leaders and policy makers of especially developing countries to prioritize the health and health management for sustainable growth and economic development and create awareness in global scale.

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Ruxanda Glavan, Minister of Health of Moldova, visited Turkey

Ruxanda Glavan, Minister of Health of Moldova, and the accompanying delegation visited Turkey on June 22nd-25th, 2016 in order to see experiences of Turkey in the field of health system, mandatory health insurance and public-private partnership.

On June 24th, 2016, a presentation was made on PPP for the visiting Minister and the delegation after which a bilateral meeting was held with Prof. Dr. Recep Akdağ, Minister of Health of the Republic of Turkey. Afterwards, the Moldavian delegation conducted examinations at Ankara Atatürk Training and Research Hospital.

Preparatory Meeting for Belarus Visit of H.E. President of the Republic of Turkey

A preparatory meeting was organized at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on June 22nd, 2016 before Belarus visit of H.E. President of the Republic of Turkey on July 28th-29th, 2016 and General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs attended this meeting as well.

Shooting of “Health Ambassadors” Program at Somali-Turkey Training and Research Hospital

In order to coordinate the shooting of “Health Ambassadors” Program at Mogadishu Somalia-Turkey Training and Research Hospital, which is prepared in collaboration with TRT in order to promote the activities of the Ministry of Health abroad, one Head of Department from the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs and Public Hospitals Institution of Turkey went to Somalia on June 17th-26th 2016.

Financial Contribution of EU to the Services of the Republic of Turkey for the Syrians under Temporary Protection

Ministry of Health of the Republic of Turkey prepared its opinion on “Strategic Concept Note” which was submitted to the parties during “Refugee Orientation Committee” meeting organized on May 12th, 2016 in Brussels, Belgium and presented to AFAD (Prime Ministry Disaster and Emergency Management) in June 7th 2016.

Within the framework of the project, “Cost Analysis Forms” which include cost details of the primary (establishment of 233 Migrant Health Centers) and secondary (establishment of 300-bed Kilis State Hospital) health services reinforcement activities were completed during working meetings on June 07th-08th, 2016 and submitted to AFAD.

On June 09th, 2016, “Health Working Group” meeting was held with participation of EU Turkey delegation, officials of England and Germany Embassies, representatives of AFAD, Ministry of Development and Ministry of Health. During the meeting, EU Turkey delegation provided information about current situation and working schedule and a briefing was requested from the Ministry of Health about the latest situation.

The priority list and cost analysis studies were presented by the Ministry of Health, together with their justification.

Following the presentations and statements of the Ministry of Health, EU Turkey delegation stated their satisfaction about progress of the works.

At the end of the meeting, working schedule of the following week was set and agreed. Accordingly, the works planned to be performed during the following week are stated below:

June 13th, 2016 – A working meeting at the General Directorate of Emergency Health Services with the participation of EU Turkey delegation, Ministry of Health and Ministry of Development.

June 14th, 2016 – A preparatory meeting for technical meeting which will be organized at AFAD with participation of AFAD representatives, Ministry of Development and Ministry of Health.

June 15th, 2016 – A technical meeting at AFAD with participation of EU Turkey delegation, AFAD representatives, Ministry of Development and Ministry of Health.

Project preparation works for the Syrians under EU Trust Fund

On June 4th, 2016, a meeting was organized at AFAD in order to prepare a project for the Syrians under EU Trust Fund which was established by EU to support the hosting countries. General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs attended the meeting as well.

During the meeting, Turkish Red Crescent, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and EU Turkey delegation came together under chairmanship of AFAD in order to prepare a project under EU Trust Fund through Medecine de Monde (Doctors Worldwide) and they exchanged their opinions about the project which would meet the needs of Turkey.

19th Health Committee Meeting of OECD

The 19th Health Committee Meeting of OECD was held in Paris on June 28th-29th, 2016. General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs attended this meeting as well.

During the meeting, Health Ministers Meeting to be held on January 17th, 2017, High-Level Policy Forum to be held on the preceding day and OECD Council Draft Recommendation Decision on Health Data Management as well as the Ministerial Statements were addressed.

The Health Committee also dealt with the content of Forum and Ministerial Meeting, organizational arrangements, participation of two committees, which represent the business world and syndicates in OECD, in the Ministerial Meeting and issues to be mentioned during Ministerial dinner.

Foreign Healthcare Professionals with Ongoing Training in Turkey

Training programs of the foreign healthcare staff who are receiving training as observers in the affiliated training and research hospitals of the Ministry are ongoing under bilateral agreements.

Within the framework of such programs, a total of 128 foreign healthcare staff received training as of June 30th, 2016 as follows:

Out of 15 foreign healthcare staff:

- Training of 1 Azeri healthcare staff is ongoing in the field of In vitro Fertilization (IVF) for February 1, 2016 - July 29, 2016;
- Training of 1 Afghan healthcare staff is ongoing in the field of Gynecology for April 17 - October 15, 2016;
- Training of 1 Kosovo healthcare staff is ongoing in the field of Invasive Cardiology for May 9, 2016 - October 7, 2016;
- Training of 10 Azeri healthcare staff is ongoing in the field of Cardiology, Gynecology, Laboratory and Urology for July 11- October 7, 2016;
- Training of 2 Macedonian healthcare staff is ongoing in the field of Gynecology and Abdominal Ultrasound for July 11- August 5, 2016.

Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization Health Ministers' Meeting

Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) Organization Health Ministers' Meeting was organized in Moscow on June 28th, 2016.

General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs attended the meeting during which exchange of knowledge and cooperation issues were discussed on quality assurance of pharmaceuticals and medical products.

Working meeting between Project Management Support Unit of the Ministry of Health and Islamic Development Bank

On June 10th, 2016, General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs coordinated a meeting to assess the common cooperation areas with IDB regarding financing of the projects planned by the Ministry of Health for the coming period.

Zahide Şenalp, Coordinator of Project Management Support Unit of the Ministry of Health, and Dr. Yusuf Yüksel, IDB Human Development Director, attended the meeting during which conformity of the IDB credits with the projects of the Ministry for the coming period was discussed.

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Treatment of Foreign Patients in Turkey

As per "Article 14 of the Basic Law on Health Services no 3359" 71 patients and as per Bilateral Agreements and Protocols 539 patients – 468 foreign patients in total - were treated in Turkey as of June 30th, 2016.

Update of Customs Union – Intellectual Property Rights

Within the framework of the update of Customs Union, in order to establish position of Turkey regarding "improvement of implementation framework of current obligations under intellectual property rights", Ministry of Economics prepared a draft "Service Specific Report" by considering the opinions of the relevant institutions with a view to ensuring better implementation of Association Council Decision no 1/95 and getting prepared for the negotiations with the European Commission.

The meeting was held at the Ministry of Economics to ensure clarification of the negotiation position of Turkey and finalization of the relevant work and attended by the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs and Turkish Medicines and Medical devices Institution.

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