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and
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JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ¹

On invitation by H. E. Mahmud al Zobi, Prime Minister of the Syrian Arab Republic, H. E. Suleyman Demirel, Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey paid an official visit to Syria on 19-20 January 1993. The Turkish Prime Minister was accompanied by the Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Hikmet Cetin, the Ministers of State Messrs. Cavit Caglar and Mehmet Batalli and the Minister of Agricultural and Rural Affairs Mr. Necmettin Cevheri.

The visiting Prime Minister was received by H. E. Hafez Al Asad, President of the Syrian Arab Republic on 19 January. Regional and international issues and particularly bilateral matters between Turkey and Syria were discussed constructively and in detail during the reception.

The two sides expressed satisfaction for the recent rapid and positive development in their bilateral relations and have stressed that this development will be beneficial not only to their common interests but that it will also contribute to the peace and stability of the whole region.

The two sides reiterated their political determination on the further development in all areas of their bilateral relations based on common history and cultural heritage. They expressed that the appropriate assessment of Turkey's and Syria's potential wealth will pave the way to substantial advances in the future relations of the two countries.

The two sides expressed their satisfaction with the positive developments in the last few months in security matters pertaining to their common borders as a result of the spirit of cooperation that developed in follow-up to the exchange of visits of the Interior and Foreign Affairs Ministers of the two countries. They reiterated once again their determination not to permit any activity on their respective territories detrimental to the security of each other.

Pursuant to the protocol signed in 1987 by the Turkish and Syrian Governments² and in view of the proximity of the filling up of Araturk dam reservoir. The two sides agreed to reach before the end of 1993 a final solution determining the allocation to the parties from the waters of the Euphrates River. The two Foreign Ministers have been charged to follow up the realization of this objective.

The two sides stressed the importance of expanding the existing contacts and consultations in all areas and expressed their hope for further developing their cooperation in economical, commercial, technical, scientific, cultural, information and consular matters. They pronounced their will to establish a culture center each in Damascus and Ankara in the shortest time possible and stressed the importance of further consolidating the cooperation between their universities and expanding the exchange of students.

The two sides strongly expressed their agreement on issues like the establishment of additional entry points along their common borders, the provision of expanded facilities for the legal transborder movement of livestock, the expansion of annual trade figures to one billion US dollars, the development of travel and

¹ Came into force on 20 January 1993 by signature.

² See p. 3 of this volume.

tourism potential, the expansion of cooperation between industry and commerce chambers of the private sectors in both countries, the establishment of a business council geared to achieve concrete results, the development of communication and transportation capabilities, the encouragement of joint ventures and bilateral investments, the expansion of electricity sales, the pursuit of ways and means of developing the natural gas and oil production potential of Syria.

The sides reiterated the importance they attach to the continuation of the middle east peace process on the basis of UN Security Council resolutions 242¹ and 338² and they condemned the expulsion of 415 Palestinians by Israel from the occupied territories. They also called for the urgent implementation of UN Security Council resolution 799³ in a spirit of fairness and equal justice.

In connection with the regional and international issues concerning the two countries, the two sides indicated that new incidents of instability have risen in the Balkans and Caucasus in addition to those in the Middle East. The sides held useful exchanges particularly on the Middle East, Bosnia-Herzegovina and the Azerbaijani-Armenian conflict, during the meeting.

In this connection, two sides expressed their concern for the Iraqi administration's persistent attitude particularly detrimental to its own people and in conflict with the UN resolutions. They underlined that the sparing of all harm to the civilian Iraqi population in the process of the implementation of UN Security Council resolutions should be of primordial importance.

The two sides appealed to the International Community for the dispensing of equitable spirit of justice and determination in the implementation of UN resolutions vis-à-vis the issues of Bosnia-Herzegovina. They further stressed that the Community of Nations should adopt a similar attitude on the conflict of Nagorno-Karabakh.

The Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey held extensive discussions on the same issues with the Prime Minister of the Syrian Arab Republic on 20th January. The delegations of the two sides participated in these discussions. The Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey extended to the President of the Syrian Arab Republic H.E. Hafez al Asad the invitation of the President of the Republic of Turkey, H.E. Turgut Ozal. The Prime Minister of Turkey also extended to the Prime Minister of Syrian Arab Republic an official invitation to visit Turkey. The Syrian side expressed its satisfaction in accepting both invitations. The Turkish Side thanked the Syrian Side for the hospitality and warm welcome displayed during the visit.

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MAHMUD AL-ZOBI
Prime Minister
of the Syrian Arab Republic

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SULEYMAN DEMIREL
Prime Minister
of the Republic of Turkey

¹ United Nations, *Official Records of the Security Council, Twenty-second Year, Resolutions and Decisions of the Security Council 1967 (S/INF/22/Rev.2)*, p. 8.

² *Ibid.*, *Twenty-eighth Year, Resolutions and Decisions of the Security Council 1973 (S/INF/29)*, p. 10.

³ *Ibid.*, *Forty-seventh Year, Resolutions and Decisions of the Security Council 1992 (S/INF/48)*, p. 6.