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GAINS FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF TURKEY

- By becoming a member of EU, Turkey will strengthen its political and strategic presence, increase its effectiveness and secure its interests.
- Turkey's entitlement for membership within the framework of executed documents with EU will be based on solid ground.
- Turkey, with EU membership, will further develop its international economic and commercial interests and will secure its future in this field.
- EU membership will reinforce the judicial order that modern life requires, and will open up new frontiers for our youth in the field of education.
- EU membership will contribute to increasing the status of our citizens in Europe.
- Membership to EU will lessen anti-Turkish prejudice and negative perceptions that have been built up for centuries.
- EU membership will allow democracy to become more solidly entrenched by speeding up the process of the development of in our country.
- The basic system of the Republic will be

secured; the period of Military Interventions will be completely over. Civil Society Organizations will come forward.

- Turkish Armed Forces, by the mediation of NATO and European Army, will be able to play a vital role in Europe.

- Full membership will have a strengthening effect on Turkey's defense and security policies.

- Turkey will be able to play an important role in shaping the situation in Europe since it will join Europe's decision-making mechanisms. In this situation, the presence of Turkey in the Middle East, Central Asia and Southeast Asia will increase, and will have an extremely exceptional and influential place in the Islamic World. Turkey will be able to influence much more activities in these areas.

- The Cyprus and Greek problems will be resolved and the Aegean Sea will become a lake of peace. Thus, Turkey's foreign security will increase one more level.

- The Turkish economy will change; as the state will, even if unwillingly, decrease its role on the economy and conditions for competition will ensue, Turkey will make a leap forward. The economy will be grounded on a system; EU rules will be applicable for every elected government

besides its own policies. Our country's horizon will expand.

- Turkey, as a full member of EU, will reach a position of leadership in its region, especially from the perspective of economic development.

- Turkey will secure its exports, foreign investments will increase, and it will be able access the latest technology and investment products necessary for development more securely and at lower prices. With the obtaining of the right of free circulation, several occupation groups and Turkish workers in our country will earn equal income and treatment in every field.

- EU membership will increase the level of employment with economic growth by providing the necessary medium of stability.

- EU standards will be attained in protecting environmental values.

- By becoming active and working effectively the state will offer more services in areas of health and justice. With the arrangements made in many areas concerning the society the living standards of our citizens will improve.

- EU market will be Turkey's domestic market and the market will be more transparent.

- By structural changes to increase competitive power of the SME's, the export opportunities will be increased.

- The presence of the state in the economy will decrease, the state will no longer face the problems that it has to account for because of SEE's and will direct its sources to their actual targets.

- With full membership, sustainable stability will be achieved in the economic and financial policies in Turkey, and there will be more transparency.

- Full EU membership will allow the political, economic and bureaucratic obstacles to foreign investments be lifted and to increase foreign investments considerably.

- Full membership will have a positive effect on the consumers by contributing to improve the concept of quality in Turkey.

- The professional standards in Turkey will be aligned with EU standards.

- By harmonizing with EU legislation, the competitive power of our firms will increase.

- The inclusion of Turkey in EU Justice and Home Affairs policies will strengthen the fight

against terrorism, drugs and illegal immigration.

- Full membership will play an important role in the development science and technology in Turkey.

- Turkey's full membership to EU will contribute to reform of the agricultural sector.

- Full membership will speed up the development of Turkey's tourism sector.

- The participation of Turkey in trans-European networks with full EU membership will be beneficial especially in the areas of telecommunication, transportation, energy and environment.

- Turkey's full EU membership will strengthen the process of establishment of a participatory and democratic political culture and civil society at Western standards in the country.

- Full membership will have an enriching and developing effect on the cultural structure of Turkey.

- The participation of Turkey in the Regional Policy of EU following membership will significantly contribute to lessen regional disparities in the country.

- Demographic advantage will be a political power for Turkey regarding the EU.

- The situation of Turkey, which currently is a "role model" for the countries of the Middle East, will be strengthened further and will increase its significance in this region.

- Harmonization with EU technical legislation with full EU membership will have an increasing effect on the competitive power of Turkish firms.

GAINS FROM EU PERSPECTIVE

- Membership of Turkey will allow the EU to be transformed into a global actor.
- Membership of Turkey will contribute to peace and stability in the areas bordering to Europe.
- Membership of Turkey will mean the meeting of the Western and Islamic World.
- Turkey's membership will also contribute much to Europe from the economic perspective.
- Membership of Turkey will strengthen EU's domestic market and its competitiveness in markets.
- Turkey as an EU member will bring greater political dominance for the EU and a wider range of security to Europeans.
- Turkey's accession to the EU will be able to alter EU's strategic status in the world in its favor.
- Turkey's accession will extend a new horizon for EU and expand its vision.
- With the completion of Baku-Ceyhan pipeline, Turkey will ensure the access of the EU to this resource.

- EU, which wants to increase its presence in Iraq-Middle East-Caucasus and South Asia, will be able to attain this with Turkey as a member.

- With Turkey's membership, the position of EU will change in the Islamic world. The "Christian-Muslim conflict" claims after September 11 will be mainly eliminated. The EU, this way, will negate the image of the EU as Christian Club that rejects the membership of a Muslim country. On the contrary, it will be able to show the world that cultural differences can get along; Islam can be compatible with modernism and democracy. Turkey's membership will influence the vision of Islamic world of Europe and West in general.

- According to calculations, in 20 years Turkey will have a population of 85 million and per capita income of 10000 dollars. A growing, young and dynamic Turkey will be a very important market for EU.

- Turkey's young population will make supply for the manual labor that Europe will need.

- The lack of area for the expansion for industry in Europe will be eliminated.

- Turkey's full membership will contribute to the EU's increasing the effectiveness of its policies in the area of Justice and Home Affairs.

- With full membership of Turkey the Aegean becoming an inner sea of the EU will be a strengthening effect on the strategic interests of EU.

- Full liberalization of services and public procurement that will be provided after full membership will bring significant advantages to EU firms.

- Full membership of Turkey will provide significant opportunities to EU firms with respect to direct investments.

- Increase of internal competition in the EU with Turkey's full membership will result in positive effects from perspective of consumers'.

- The complete abolishment of non-tariff and technical barriers with full membership of Turkey to the EU will contribute significantly to EU markets.

- It will be in beneficial for EU that Turkey attains EU standards in environmental and social policies following Turkey's full membership.

- The trade in agricultural products that will be realized after full membership will positively affect the welfare of the Union.

- After the full membership of Turkey, EU firms will have an advantageous position in the

Middle East, Russia and Central Asia markets.

- Turkey's membership to the EU will have positive effects on EU's tourism market.
- The young population of Turkey will play an important role in sustaining the economic dynamism in the EU.
- Turkey's full membership will contribute significantly to the formation of an identity within the framework of cultural pluralism in the EU.
- Within the framework of the Europe-Mediterranean Partnership the role of Turkey as a full member will provide benefits both economically and politically.
- Turkey's membership to the EU will contribute to the expansion of Trans-European networks.
- Turkey will bring cultural enrichment and diversity to the EU.