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D-8 ORGANIZATION FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION

DEVELOPING EIGHT ORGANIZATION FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION (D-8) AND TURKISH AIRLINES AGREE TO ENHANCE COOPERATION

The Secretary General of the Developing Eight Organization for Economic Cooperation (D8), Ambassador Isiaka Abdulqadir Imam, paid a courtesy call on the Chief Executive Officer of Turkish Airlines, Mr. Bilal Ekşi, on 3 March 2022, at the Headquarters of the Airlines in Istanbul.

Secretary-General of the D-8 Organization commended the CEO of Turkish Airlines for his leadership role and valuable contributions into making the Airlines one of the flagship airlines in the world today. He also praised the CEO for his unwavering support to D-8 Organization for Economic Cooperation during his time as the Director-General of the Civil Aviation Authority of the Republic of Turkiye.

Welcoming the Secretary General to his Office, Mr. Bilal Ekşi thanked Ambassador Imam for his visit and assured him of the Airlines' continued commitment to support the D-8 Organization and strengthen their mutual cooperation to enhance economic cooperation among the D-8 countries.

The two Chief Executives exchanged views on fostering cooperation in the aviation sector of D-8 Member States. Both sides underscored the need to further improve air connectivity among the D-8 Member States to foster greater intra-D8 trade and promote people-to-people contacts.



Stressing that “we should explore further opportunities to enhance our cooperation”, Mr. Ekşi offered to sign an MoU between Turkish Airlines and the D-8 Organization.

Ambassador Imam extended invitation to the CEO to participate in the forthcoming Silver Jubilee celebrations to mark the 25th Anniversary of D-8 Organization, scheduled to take place on June 15 2022. He also apprised the CEO of other forthcoming D-8 events that may be interest to the Airlines, including the 3rd D-8 Ministerial Meeting on Tourism Cooperation and the 12th Meeting of the Directors General of the Civil Aviation Authorities of D8 countries taking place in Pakistan and Indonesia, respectively later this year.

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