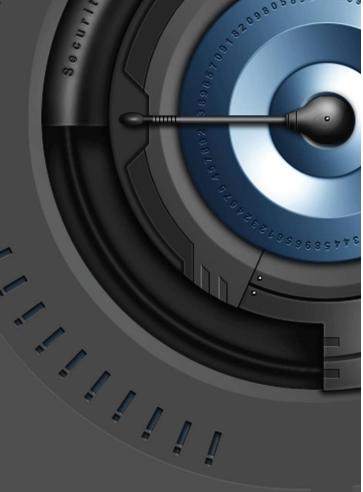# TURKISH – ARAB RELATIONS WORKSHOP

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"Multi-Dimensional Security Building"

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Turkey's Arab peoples with historic, cultural, social closeness, and this is forcing the development of direct or indirect effects on each other to be concerned about Turkey and the Arab world. Following a multi-dimensional foreign policy Turkey and the future of peace in the Middle East, it provides a powerful and active support to the efforts made to be dominated by stability and prosperity.

In order to protect territorial integrity, sovereignty and political unity and prevent sectarian, ethnic and religious conflicts in Middle East, Turkey and Arab World should develop their relations. Also improving cooperation between Turkey and Arab countries in the fields of defense industry, cyber security, water, energy and food security; training of armed forces, preventing illegal immigration and human trafficking and protecting environment is necessary.

The word "**security**" basically means being far away from threats, anxieties and dangers. In the state of security, acquired current values are not under threat. With the end of the Cold War, realist security paradigm dominating military and political issues have begun to be questioned.

In a globalized world where non-state actors have become visible; approaches with regards to security problems which do not remove the obstacles that prev**ent the will of the society and individual**, do not analyze the expectations of the people and ignore **security-freedom** relations are far away from providing solutions.

Societal, cultural, historical, environmental and individual securities have become the basic concept of security researches and policies. In brief, **security has a multi-dimensional characteristic at the level of both as a subject and an actor**. Within this regard; concepts like "Common Security", "Mutual Security", "Cooperative Security", "Cooperative Security", "Security Partnership", "Environmental Safety", "Information Security", "Public Security", "Regional Security", and "Supplementary Security" have become important.

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Due to technological advancements and change in global economical system; there has been a swift change in global balance of power. On the one hand, the power of the states has declined with regards to discussions about security; on the other hand organizations like **UN, NATO, EU, CICA, OSCE and SCO** have become prominent. The concept of security has become multidimensional and complicated so that one actor cannot maintain it alone. At this point **collective security** is very important. With globalization, security paradigms have changed and transformed **from national and international to regional and global**.

Due to security concerns of the last century, permanent security cooperation has not been established between Turkey and Arab countries. In today's world where discussions on different dimensions of security, **prioritizing of governance and civil society, featuring regional security perspectives** have begun and cooperation in maintaining security is in the interest of both Turkey and Arab World.

All security areas are connected to each other; therefore it is impossible for one country to maintain its security alone without **international cooperation and multi-dimensional governance**. International governance asserts the need of countries to go beyond collective security understanding and to adopt **institutionalized cooperation, consultation and interdependency** in every field.

If the participation of individuals to NGOs, international organizations and state institutions cannot be provided, it is impossible to create a secure environment.

Within this framework; it is crucially important for Turkey and Arab countries to **cooperate in multi-dimensional security** with regards to their long term and midterm interests. Especially there is huge potential of cooperation between Turkey and Arab countries in the fields of defense, industry, training military personal and creation of a joint military force.

Technological superiority in Defense and Aerospace Industry are the bases of security policies and production of technological information which provides political and economical advantages. A Defense industry which can minimize its foreign dependency, use **its own resources at optimum level, produce high-tech** ; is the most important assurances of strong economy, peace, stability and security.

A decrease in defense expenditures of USA and European countries, an increase in defense expenditures of countries in the conflict zones are projected for the near future. Also it is foreseen that the countries in the conflict zones will improve the military technology that they import from

Western countries. In this situation, with a proactive position, **Turkey and Arab countries can cooperate in order to acquire their own technologies in the long-term and midterm**.

Development of international cooperation in defense industry, improvement of infrastructure of defense industry, reducing foreign dependency, reaching scale economy, reducing the costs, managing risks, providing competitive advantage, reaching target markets, creating new technologies and administrative synergy will be beneficial for various sectors. Also strategy partnerships and development of balanced regional/global cooperation are necessary.

In order to deepen Turkish-Arab relations; **cooperation in military training and defense industry** should be strengthened.

Within this framework; official visits to military bases and institutions, sending observers to military drills, exchange of students and staff of war colleges, military high schools, military academies, military medical academies and non-commissioned officers' college; joint military exercises, cooperation in military history can strengthen relations.

The international meeting under the theme, "**Turkish-Arab Relations: Multi-Dimensional Security Building**" aims to contribute to the healthy management of changing security, defense and power parameters and create a common consciousness between Turkey and Arab World.

The project is planned as an alternate process construction with cooperation of Arab world's leading civil and official think tanks especially working in the field of **security & defense** and with the participation of decision-makers. The first period is foreseen to continue 2 years since the fourth quarter of 2013. After the evaluation at the end of this period, studies of the second period will be prepared.

Main Theme

Turkish-Arab Relations: Multi-Dimensional Security Building

Sub - Themes

Multi-Dimensional Security Cooperation: Political, Strategic and Economic Bases

Defense and Aerospace Industry: Opportunities and Risks

Soft Power Building and Expectations Management: Experiences and Acquirements

Cyber Security Cooperation (Cyber Army Competitions)

Multi-Dimensional and Supplementary Security Cooperation (Environment, Terrorism, Smuggling: Food, Energy and Water Security, Demographics, Health, Climate, Urban, Planning Technology, etc.)