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FOREWORD



We are going through a process, in which global problems require global solutions.

Nowadays, problems of countries cannot be kept within the boundaries; getting beyond the limits, they affect the region, and even the whole world. Today, in our world, the problems attracting more attention as poverty, hunger, epidemic diseases, environmental pollution, climate change, drought, war and conflicts, though affecting the local, are waiting for global solutions with a global perspective. We are living in a world where solidarity is of vital importance, more than ever. Obviously, we are undergoing a test of humanity, where globalizations of conscience and conscientious responsibilities have become urgent needs besides capital.

We have been entrusted the world we live in, from the former generations. In the future, our children, our grandchildren, and the next generations will be living on this world. If we cannot leave a world as we have been entrusted; or even a better one as a legacy, we will be unfaithful both to past and next generations. On behalf of our children, our grandchildren, today, we have to take and implement all the precautions determinedly.

Turkey shows a highly sincere, solution-based, law and justice-oriented approach to both regional and global issues. We are approaching to international issues, global and regional matters with human-centered, conscience-oriented principles advocating the supremacy of law, not the law of the superiors. Besides prevention of ongoing war and conflicts, and establishment of peace, Turkey attaches equal importance to sustainable development, equitable distribution, solidarity and particularly the alliance of civilizations and believes wholeheartedly that a different world could be built with a belief in the richness of the differences.

As Turkey, we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of our foundation in 2023. We are in a great endeavor for the year 2023 and to reach our goals. We will achieve these goals with sustainable development, green growth and human-centered development principles. This report puts forward Turkey's growth vision for 2023 and then for 2030.

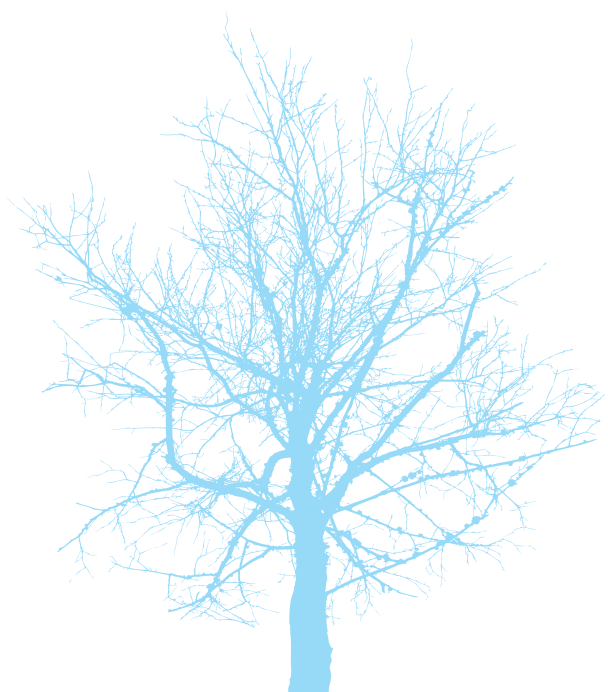
We are aware that we will achieve national goals with international solidarity and collaboration besides a national vision. Essentially, we are emphasizing solidarity in all issues, particularly for the global economic crisis. We know that 2023, then the 2030 targets could be reached with such kind of a solidarity, and we are working accordingly.

Our biggest goal and ideal is a more prosperous, livable world than today, and even than yesterday, for our children.

With this understanding, I wish Rio+20 will be a new beginning for embracing the future for the whole world and for Turkey.

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T.R.
Prime Minister



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