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TUSIAD will host a seminar about the foundations of US-Turkey relations in the 21st Century

The Turkish Industrialists' and Businessmen's Association (TUSIAD) will host a seminar entitled **"The Foundations of US-Turkey Relations in the 21st Century"** on Thursday, May 15th, at the Fairmont Hotel in Washington DC, USA. The opening speech will be given by Arzuhan Dogan Yalcindag, Chairwoman of the Board of TUSIAD.

TUSIAD member Cem Duna will moderate the first panel, entitled "The Future of Turkish American Relations". Prof. Dr. Mustafa Aydın, Head of International Relations Department of TOBB University of Economics and Technology and Dr. Ian Lesser, Senior Transatlantic Fellow Location of German Marshall Fund US (GMFUS) will make presentations on the subject.

Retired Ambassador Ozdem Sanberk will moderate the second panel, entitled "Energy Security and Stability in the Black Sea and Caspian". In the first session of the panel, Retired Ambassador Mithat Balkan and US Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs Matthew Bryza will make speeches. For the second session, Turkey and Armenia relations will be on the agenda. In this session, Dr. Suat Kınıklıoğlu, MP of Cankiri will make a presentation entitled "Beyond the Resolution: Turkish-American Relations in the Mirror of the Armenian Question".

The report prepared by David Saltzman, Principal Member of Saltzman & Evinch, PC, entitled **"H. Res. 106: Legal and Factual Deficiencies"** will also be presented during the panel. Besides, Matthew C. Bernstein, the Advisor of DLA Piper will make a speech on the topic of Armenian issue.

After the seminar, TUSIAD will host a reception for TUSIAD's Washington D.C. Representative Office's 10th Anniversary Celebration.

Annex1: Seminar Programme

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TURKISH INDUSTRIALISTS' AND BUSINESSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

**“THE FOUNDATIONS OF US-TURKEY RELATIONS
IN THE 21ST CENTURY”**

Conference Program

Thursday, May 15, 2008, 2.00-6.00pm
The Fairmont Hotel, Ballroom I
Washington DC

2:00pm-2:10pm **Opening Speech**

Arzuhan Doğan Yalçındağ, *Chairwoman of the Board of Directors of TUSIAD*

2:10pm-3:00pm **Session I: The Future of Turkish American Relations**

Moderator: Amb. Cem Duna (Ret.), Member of the TUSIAD

Turkish Presenter: Dr. Mustafa Aydın, TOBB-Economy and Technology University
American Respondent: Dr. Ian Lesser, GMFUS

3:00pm-3:30pm **Q&A**

3:30pm-3:50pm **Coffee Break**

3:50pm-5:20pm **Session II: Energy Security and Stability in the Black Sea and Caspian**

Moderator: Amb. Özdem Sanberk (Ret.)

**Turkey's Contribution to Energy Security and Stability in the Black Sea
and Caspian Region**

Turkish Presenter: Amb. Mithat Balkan (Ret.)

American Respondent: Matthew J. Bryza, *US Department of State*

Armenian Issue in a Broader Context

Turkish Presenter: Dr. Suat Kınıklıoğlu, *Member of Parliament*
“Beyond the Resolution: Turkish-American Relations in the Mirror of the
Armenian Question”

Expert view: David Saltzman, *Saltzman & Evinch, PC*
“H. Res. 106: Legal and Factual Deficiencies”

American Respondent: Matthew C. Bernstein, *DLA Piper*

5:20pm-6:00pm **Q&A**