

**ANKARA FORUM 1st MEETING – JOINT DECLARATION**  
**APRIL 28, 2005**

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1. DELEGATIONS FROM TOBB, FEDERATION OF CHAMBERS OF PALESTINE AND FEDERATION OF THE ISRAELI ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS HAVE MET IN ANKARA ON APRIL 27, 2005 AS A RESULT OF A TURKISH INITIATIVE UPON THE INVITATION OF TOBB.
2. IT WAS DECIDED TO CONTINUE THE TRILATERAL BUSINESS DIALOGUE UNDER THE NAME OF “ANKARA FORUM—FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN TURKEY, PALESTINE AND ISRAEL” AS STABILITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ARE ESSENTIAL FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION.
3. THE OBJECTIVE OF ANKARA FORUM IS SPECIFIED AS TO PROMOTE BUSINESS TO BUSINESS CONTRIBUTION TO ISSUES OF TRILATERAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION. IN THIS REGARD, THE FORUM IDENTIFIES SPECIFIC PROJECTS AND DESIGNS MECHANISMS ON HOW TO IMPLEMENT THESE PROJECTS.
4. THE FORUM IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND AS BEING A MEETING PLATFORM FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF BUSINESS SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS IN TURKEY, PALESTINE AND ISRAEL.
5. MR HISARCIKLIOĞLU WAS ELECTED AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FORUM. MR. AZZOGHEIR AND MR BROSH WERE ELECTED AS VICE CHAIRMEN.
6. ANKARA FORUM WILL HOLD ITS SECOND MEETING IN THE FIRST HALF OF JUNE IN EAST JERUSALEM.
7. THIS STEERING COMMITTEE WILL FORM THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING BASED UPON THE LIST OF ISSUES AND IDEAS RAISED IN THE FIRST MEETING.