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Na qualidade de Presidente da Comissão Parlamentar de Orçamento e Finanças, recebi da OCDE um convite (em anexo) para participar como orador no Simpósio Internacional "The Changing Role of Parliament on the Budget Process", que vai decorrer em Afyonkarahisar, Turquia, de 23 a 25 de Setembro de 2010.

Dado o manifesto interesse de que as questões a abordar nesta conferência se revestem para o trabalho da Comissão, e atendendo ao facto de que esta deslocação não terá quaisquer encargos para a Assembleia da República, solicito a Vossa Excelência a necessária autorização para nela participar, e que esta deslocação possa ser considerada, para todos os efeitos, como trabalho parlamentar.

Com os melhores cumprimentos, *Também pessoais,*

O PRESIDENTE DA COMISSÃO,


(Paulo Mota Pinto)



SIGMA

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International Symposium on

The Changing Role of Parliament on the Budget Process

Afyonkarahisar: Thursday 23 - Saturday 25 September 2010

Paris, 7 September 2010

Dear Mr Paulo Mota Pinto,

First of all let me thank you for your interest in and availability to participate in and contribute to the above mentioned International Symposium, secondly I would like to specify your role.

1. General background:

The Symposium will gather several hundreds of participants coming mainly from countries which belong to the Parliamentary Union of the Organisation of the Islamic conference (PUIC), including Turkey. The main objective is to present and discuss *how the role of parliaments in the budget process has evolved as part of public finance reform processes in EU Member States, in Turkey and in other PUIC member countries and share experiences and good practices with a view to encourage mutual learning and lesson-drawing* (see the attached latest version of the draft agenda in Annex).

2. Your task is mainly related to Session 3 – Roundtable II: “*Sustaining Budgetary Reform: Experiences of the PUIC Member Countries*” (for the key themes and subject to be discussed, see the draft agenda). You will be one of the panellists, the five others coming from the PUIC countries, including Turkey. The debates will be moderated by Mr Mohammed Ishaq Dar, from Pakistan. Based on your experience in an EU Member state, your role will mainly consist of raising questions and issues to other panellists and answering the questions posed by the moderator and other panellists.

You are invited):

- To prepare a written contribution of about 10 pages to present the item as well as practices introduced in your country and in other EUMS in this area. It should be designed in a way which could stimulate the debate among the panellists. . This paper should be sent to Sigma as soon as possible (if time allows, the Turks intend to translate it into Arabic and Turkish). An abstract (1 or 2 §s) would be appreciated.
- To contribute actively to the debates related to your session as well as to be ready to participate in the debates of other sessions as convenient.
- To send to Sigma a short updated biography (2 §s) and up to date CV and,

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- after the Symposium, a very short note (1 or 2 pages maximum) listing briefly your main findings and ideas for possible follow-up, especially with those PUIC countries which belong to the Sigma geographical area, especially Albania, Azerbaijan, Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt, Lebanon and Jordan.
3. Financial/travel/accommodation and administrative arrangements:
- You will receive:
- Per diem to cover daily expenses (hotel and incidental expenses) of 90 Euros per day (lunches and dinners will be offered by Turkish Authorities).
 - A fee of 3000 Euros, and
 - A return air ticket in economy class Lisbon-Ankara (and terminal charges). Travel will take place on Wednesday 22 September and Sunday 26 September
4. Additional information:
- Please find hereafter the website of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey (GNAT). It may give you some useful background information as well as elements available today (to be updated with time) on the Symposium: www.tbmm.gov.tr.
 - Transport from Ankara to Afyonkarahisar (and return) will be organised by the TGNA.
 - Other information will be provided later on concerning for instance the possibility to participate in an informal dinner which will take place Wednesday 22 September in the evening with some PUIC, Turkish and OECD/Sigma participants.

Please do not hesitate to come back to me with any questions related to the substance of the Symposium or to the content of your contribution. Please note that any questions that you may have related to your travel, accommodation and/or financial & administrative arrangements should be discussed directly with us, specifically with my colleague Tara Staub.

A formal contract will be sent to you shortly for signature

Best regards,



Francis Hénin
Sigma Senior Advisor
Institutional Building
Desk for Turkey and ENPI/South countries

ANNEX – DRAFT AGENDA



International Symposium

The Changing Role of Parliaments in the Budget Process:

Experiences of PUIC Countries and EU Member States

Organization

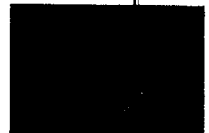
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**PUIC - PARLIAMENTARY UNION OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC
CONFERENCE**

Contributing Agencies

**MINISTRY OF FINANCE, TURKEY, EU DELEGATION TO TURKEY (OECD/SIGMA),
ANKARA UNIVERSITY and AFYONKOCATEPE UNIVERSITY**

23-25 September 2010 – Afyonkarahisar/TURKEY



INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

THE CHANGING ROLE OF PARLIAMENTS IN THE BUDGET PROCESS:

EXPERIENCES OF PUIC COUNTRIES¹ AND EU MEMBER STATES

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

In recent years, growing attention has been paid in many parts of the world to fiscal performance, public budget targets, equitable tax policies and financial transparency. Since the onset of the financial crisis, public budgets have come under renewed scrutiny. At the same time, the role of parliaments in the budget process has undergone major changes in many countries. For instance, governments have been given additional responsibilities to inform parliaments regularly on budget performance, especially in the EU member states. The importance of budget discussions and assessment processes in parliamentary budget committees has increased. Budget performance audits have become more important than audits limited to assessing legal compliance. In some countries, mechanisms have been introduced, so that the main outlines of the budget can be discussed in parliament prior to detailed scrutiny in committee. Additional procedures that were not commonplace in the past, such as the involvement of budget committees in setting financial targets and program allowances, have been adopted, and efforts have been made to strengthen the knowledge generation and assessment capacities of budget committees. Often, such changes have been part of more comprehensive public finance reforms, which have also involved governments and Courts of Accounts.

Turkey has undergone a similar process. The performance budgeting approach was developed by the Public Finance Management and Control Law 5018, the implementation of which started in 2006 with a modernization of the Turkish budget system. In this context, the GNAT's role in the budget process has increased considerably. The new approach to budgeting has required a strengthening of the GNAT's institutional capacities and the creation of procedures that allow for the analysis of the results of the budget and its implementation. To fulfil its new role in the budget process, parliament needs committees with strong analysis and research capacities. The thorough examination of reports, information, data and statistics provided by the Court of Accounts, the Ministry of Finance and other ministries will be possible with the achievement of an accord. Parliament can further assume an active role in this process if there is open and effective cooperation amongst the standing committees, notably the budget committee and the other committees.

The changing processes in the EU member states and Turkey also affect the PUIC member countries. The PUIC member countries – which represent diverse historical experiences and encompass a range of executive and parliamentary traditions – have budgetary processes that reflect their unique conditions with regard to decision-making on, and the implementation and oversight of, the budget. A detailed analysis of how these different budgetary experiences and practices have been influenced by new trends and

¹ The Parliamentary Union of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference Member States has 51 member states consisting of Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Benin, Burkina-Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Egypt, Gabon, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Libya, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Mozambique, Niger, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Tajikistan, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, United Arab Emirates and Yemen.

The PUIC countries have close relations with the EU. The European Neighbourhood Policy covers 10 PUIC countries: Algeria, Azerbaijan, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Syria and Tunisia. The EU has also institutional relations with the Gulf Cooperation Council countries, including Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain, United Arab Emirates and Oman.

developments in the EU member states, Turkey and elsewhere will be useful for the participating countries. Moreover, debating the Turkish reform experience and reform processes in other PUIC member countries and their results will help to create a basis for more permanent mechanisms for exchanging information on budgetary practices. In line with the policy of the Turkish government to strengthen relations with all countries, such an initiative will contribute to the development of Turkey's relations with the parliaments of the other PUIC member countries.

Objectives of the Symposium

The main objective of the symposium "The Changing Role of Parliaments in the Budget Process: Experiences of PUIC Countries and EU Member States" is to assess how the role of parliaments in the budget process has evolved as part of public finance reform processes in the EU member states, in Turkey and other PUIC member countries and to share experiences and good practices with a view to encourage mutual learning and lesson-drawing.

The presentations and discussions will aim

- to assess the budget reform processes and experiences in the EU member states, Turkey and other PUIC member countries. Within this framework, special attention will be paid to the significance of the principles of accountability and financial transparency with respect to "the power of the purse", which represents one of the essential elements of the democratic tradition,
- to create a mechanism for sharing information and experiences amongst the budget/finance committees of the PUIC member countries; to allow participants from these countries to exchange opinions among themselves regarding the budget reforms that have been implemented in the EU member states; and to establish a continuous communication mechanism that will enable them to draw on good practices to improve their own budget reform processes,
- to increase the significance of the budget as tool for parliamentary oversight of the government's budget performance and to share information on new approaches and techniques for increasing parliament's role in budget processes,
- to identify steps to strengthen the committee stages of the parliamentary budgetary process; to explore tools that improve the budget research and analysis capacities of committees and, in this context, to assess the institutional and functional mechanisms in different countries,
- to enable discussions on new approaches in the field of budgeting, especially as regards the participation of non-governmental organizations in the budget process, gender budgeting and social budgeting.

Expected Results

The main result expected from the symposium is to share knowledge on budget reform processes that have been experienced in the EU member states, Turkey and other PUIC member countries; and to promote and institutionalize this sharing process with the help of the communication network that will be set up.

In this context, the symposium is intended:

- to strengthen communication networks between the GNAT and the parliaments of the other PUIC member countries, as well as, when relevant, with EUMS parliaments and to achieve effective information sharing,

- to assess mechanisms that would enable improvements of the communication network among the participants, mutual comprehension of the legislative budgetary processes and inclusion of current, reliable and understandable financial information in the reports that are submitted to parliament,
- to share information and experiences among parliamentarians, academics, researchers, officials and NGOs,
- to benefit - with the purpose of increasing the role of the GNAT in the budget process - from the experiences of PUIC countries and EU member states that have gone through reform processes,
- to assess the role of the non-governmental organizations in the fields of parliamentary budget processes, gender budgeting and social budgeting,
- to issue a publication that contains the symposium papers, so as to provide guidance for budget reforms in PUIC member countries, and
- to contribute to the literature in the field of budgetary processes – even if to a limited extent – both in Turkey and in PUIC member countries and, in this way, to raise interest in parliamentary budgetary processes.

Participants

Participants will consist of parliamentarians, officials, academics, experts, and representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media.

Participants to be invited include:

- **500 participants** from TURKEY (Members of Parliaments, officials, NGOs, academics, public or private sector experts and researchers);
- From abroad (except for PUIC member countries), **20 persons**, including academics, researchers and officials;
- **250 participants** from PUIC member countries: From each, the budget committee (or equivalent) chairperson and 2 committee members (if there is a Court of Accounts or similar structures in the country, 1 person shall participate in the conference from this institution, instead of 1 committee member) plus 1 committee official and 1 academic person. (50 x 2 = 100 deputies, 50 x 1 = 50 persons of the Court of Accounts, 50 x 1 = 50 committee employees and 50 x 1 = 50 academic persons).
- **20 participants** from observers of PUIC and NGOs which have been involved in budget issues in more than two PUIC member countries.

Place and Date of the Symposium

The symposium will be held on 23-25 September 2010 at Afyonkarahisar – distance from Ankara 250 km.

Provisional Programme

The program is planned for three days. The Symposium, consisting of five sessions, will be held on the first two days. The third day will be allocated to a cultural tour.

Following the opening speeches, Session 1 will include presentations on the main themes of the symposium by three keynote speakers. Session 2 will consist of two parts, with presentations by invited speakers and opportunities for Questions & Answers. Session 3 will take the form of two simultaneous moderated Roundtables. Session 4 will assess the main results that are obtained in the symposium. In addition, steps will be discussed to set up a continuous communication network amongst the parliaments of the PUIC member countries at the last session. The proceedings of the symposium will be concluded by closing speeches.

Volunteers are encouraged to be the moderating country, keeping in contact with the other participating countries and organising the next meeting.

ANNOTATED AGENDA

20:00- OPENING DINNER

1st DAY

9:30 – 10:00 Registration

10:00 – 11:00 OPENING SPEECHES

Mehmet Ali SAHIN – The Speaker of the GNAT
Marc PIERINI – Head of Delegation of the EU to Turkey, Ambassador
Mustafa ACIKALIN – Chairman of the Plan and Budget Committee
Bob BONWITT – Head of SIGMA
Mahmut Erol KILIC - Secretary General of the PUIC
Haluk IMGA- Governor of Afyonkarahisar

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee Break

11:15 – 12:45 SESSION 1 – The Changing Role of Parliaments in the Budget Process: Comparing Reform Trends and Reform Outcomes

The Key Themes: Recent decades have seen fundamental change in the management of public finances in many parts of the world. Public budgeting and especially parliaments' role in all stages of the budget process have constituted important reform themes, in the EU, Turkey and beyond. There is, by now, a wealth of diverse reform experiences on which countries can draw as they seek to improve the manner in which their legislatures deal with budgetary matters. Moreover, international organizations such as the IMF and the World Bank support budgetary reform processes in the developing world. In this session, budget reform processes centred on parliaments in the EU member states, Turkey, and other PUIC member countries will be compared and preliminary outcomes discussed.

The subjects to be discussed include: What are the reform trends in the EU member states, Turkey and other PUIC member countries in the field of public finance management and how have they affected parliaments? What results have been obtained and should these results be assessed?

Keynote Speakers:

1. Keynote speaker on the experiences of Turkey. **Mr. Sait ACBA**, MP, Associated Professor, former Chairman of the Plan and Budget Committee, (Turkey) **(Confirmed)**
2. Keynote speaker on the experiences of the PUIC Countries **Mr Abdellatif KHARRAT**, Commissaire Général of Government to the Cour des Comptes, (Tunisia) **(Confirmed)**
3. Keynote speaker on the experiences of the EU member states **Mr. Milan CVIKL**, former Secretary of Finance and former Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on public finance control currently Member, European Court of Auditors. (Slovenia) **(Confirmed)**

12:45 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:30 SESSION 2 – Budgeting and Budgetary Oversight in the PUIC Countries and EU Member States: The Role of Committees

The Key Themes: The characteristics of the budget as a tool for parliamentary oversight have evolved greatly over the years. Significant changes have occurred in the parliamentary budgetary process and, especially in many European countries, we have witnessed a development where the discussions and assessments last longer than before, where more technical support is given, and where parliaments' powers have increased in the preparation of the budget, the monitoring of its implementation and of its impact, and in dealing with final accounts. Much of this increased parliamentary involvement has fallen on committees, both budget and accounts committees, but often also other standing committees. At the same time, the consideration of final accounts has developed from a legal oversight mechanism into a tool for the oversight of performance. The existence of new budget techniques, such as multi-annual and result-oriented budgeting; accrual based accounting and continuity of providing information about budget implementation have supported this tendency. In this session, the new developments that have occurred in the field of budget oversight and the monitoring function of the parliament and the experiences of the selected countries will be examined and the effectiveness of such oversight in respect to exercising of the power of the purse will be discussed.

The subjects to be discussed include accountability, financial transparency, oversight/monitoring functions of the parliament according to the new understanding of budgeting and the effectiveness of the committees in respect to this matter; new approaches in various countries to budgeting; the evolving relationships between parliaments and Courts of Accounts.

Moderator: Mr. Faik OZTRAK, MP, former Undersecretary of Treasury (Turkey) **(Confirmed)**

1. Presentation by **Mr. Ferhat EMIL**, former Deputy Undersecretary of Treasury (Turkey) **(Confirmed)**
2. Presentation by **Mr. Richard BACON**, MP, House of Commons (UK) **(Confirmed)**
3. Presentation from PUIC Member Countries.

Three presentations followed by Q&A.

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:30 SESSION 2 (to be continued): Budgeting and Budgetary Oversight in the PUIC Countries and EU Member States: Parliaments and Supreme Audit Institutions/Courts of Accounts

Moderator: Mr. Emin Haluk AYHAN, MP, former Expert of State Planning Organisation and Deputy Undersecretary on Foreign Trade, (Turkey) **(Confirmed)**

1. Presentation by **Mr Jan Pieter LINGEN**, Head of Cabinet of the Dutch Member, European Court of Auditors (Luxembourg) **(Confirmed)**
2. Presentation by **Mr. H. Hüseyin BAYRAKLI**, Professor, Afyon Kocatepe University (Turkey) **(Confirmed)**
3. Presentation by **Mr Abdellah SERHANE**, Secretary General of Court of Accounts (Morocco) **(Confirmed)**

Three presentations followed by Q&A

18:00 – 19:30 Reception

20:00 Dinner

2nd DAY

10:00 – 12:30 (Hall 1) SESSION 3 – Roundtable I: Parliaments and Civil Society in Budgetary Processes: Experiences of the PUIC Member Countries

Key Themes: Over the last decade, the involvement of organised civil society in all stages of the budget process – preparation, decision-making, implementation, monitoring, performance assessment – has intensified in many countries. This development has, at least in part, been connected with new trends such as gender budgeting and social budgeting. Moreover, new communication techniques have encouraged the direct participation of citizens in budget-related parliamentary processes. The Roundtable is designed to encourage critical reflection on new trends in the relations between parliaments and civil society in public budgeting.

Moderator: Mr. Larabi JAIDI, Expert on Public Policies (Morocco), **(Confirmed)**

1. Panelist: **Mr. Hakan YILMAZ**, Associated Professor, Ankara University (Turkey) **(Confirmed)**
2. Panelist: **Mr. Juliusz GALKOWSKI**, Chancellor of the Minister, Ministry of the Interior and Administration (Poland), **(Confirmed)**
3. Panelist: **Mr. Ahmed Bilal MEHBOOB**, Executive Director of Pakistan Institute of Legislative Development and Transparency (PILDAT, Pakistan), **(Confirmed)**
4. Panelist: **Mr. Yassine JABER**, Former Minister of economy and Trade and currently Member of Finance and Budget Committee (Lebanon), **(Confirmed)**

Two invited panellists from PUIC

10:00 – 12:30 (Hall 2) SESSION 3 – Roundtable II: Sustaining Budgetary Reforms: Experiences of the PUIC Member Countries

Key Themes: Public finance reforms, often promoted by international organizations like the IMF, the World Bank and the OECD, are under way in many PUIC member countries. But the manner in which countries have responded to diverse pressures for change have differed substantially. For this reason, the experiences of the different countries, the problems they have encountered and the solutions they found are of importance for all the countries that have not yet started far-reaching reform processes or seek solutions to maintaining reform commitment and sustaining reform capacity. This session aims to share experiences of PUIC member countries that have successfully managed to sustain reforms and to identify the requirements for making reforms stick.

Moderator: Mohammad Ishaq DAR, Senator, Pakistan Muslim League, (Pakistan), (Confirmed)

1. Panelist: Mr. Ahmet KESIK, Associated Professor, Head of Strategy Development Department, Ministry of Finance, (Turkey), (Confirmed)

2. Panelist: Mr Paulo Mota Pinto, Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee, Portuguese Parliament (Confirmed)

3. Panelist: Mr Sayed Habib HASHEM, MP, former ambassador in London, (Bahrain). (Confirmed)

4. Panelist: Mr Sherefedin Shehu, MP, Committee for Economy, Budget and Finance (Albania) (Confirmed)

5. Panelist: Mr. Brahim ARJDAL, Economy and Finance Ministry, Budget Department (Morocco) (Confirmed)

One invited panelists from PUIC

12:30 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 16:30 SESSION 4 – Assessment of the symposium and taking decisions on the following matters:

- Creating a web site that would increase the flow of information among the PUIC member countries, and which would reflect developments in the field of budget reform;
- Setting up of an institutionalized communication network with the purpose of information sharing among the budget committees of the PUIC member countries;
- Electing a moderator country that would carry out the communication until the next meeting;
- Institutionalizing and ensuring the continuity of communication, and forming a committee that would perform the work that is needed for the next meeting.

Moderator: Mr. Mahmut Erol KILIC, Secretary General of the PUIC, (Confirmed)

Assessment by: Mr. Irfan GUNDUZ, MP, Professor, Head of Turkish Delegation at the PUIC, (Confirmed)

Assesment by: Mr. Klaus GOETZ, Proffessor, Potsdam University (Not Confirmed)

16:30 – 17:30 CLOSING SPEECHES

Mustafa AÇIKALIN – Chairman of the Plan and Budget Committee
Bob BONWITT – Head of SIGMA

20:00 Gala Dinner

3rd DAY

10:00-17:00 Cultural Tour (Historical, cultural and natural beauties of Afyonkarahisar.)

Languages

The official languages of the symposium will be Turkish, Arabic, English and French. Simultaneous translation will be provided.

Paper and Article Writing Rules

Speakers participating in the symposium, should deliver the synopses of their papers to the address stated in the correspondence section before the (date to be decided) and should deliver the full texts to the symposium executives before the date of the symposium.

The book (publication) that will be published after the symposium will include not only the texts of the papers of the speakers, but also the scientific articles that are written on the subject matter of the symposium by the participants. For this, those interested need to deliver the synopses of their articles before the symposium date and the full texts within one month of the symposium, to the address stated in the correspondence section.

Synopsis of a paper or article should not contain more than 500 words.

Article (full text) writing rules:

- Heading of the Article: 14 points, all in upper case, bold and centred.
- Name of the Author(s): 12 points, centred.
- Institution to which Author(s) is/are Affiliated: 12 points, centred.
- Main Headings: 12 points, centred, all in upper case and bold.
- Sub Headings: 12 points, left aligned, each word capitalized and bold.
- Text: 12 points, Times New Roman, justified, 1.5 lines spaced.
- Diagrams, Tables and Photograph Captions: 12 points, bold.
- One-line spacing must be left between the sections of the text of the article.
- Each word of the captions of the tables and figures must be capitalized.

- References in the text or notes will be given in parenthesis as follows: (Author(s)' surname(s), the publication year)
- Bibliography must be located at the end of the article, and should be listed in alphabetical order of the surnames of the authors.

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General Information

- For the participants from Turkey;

1- Universities and Non-Governmental Organisations; hotel bookings, accommodation and travel expenditures to Afyonkarahisar (by submitting the bus tickets) will be maintained by TGNA.

2-Public Institutions; hotel bookings and accommodation will be maintained by TGNA, however travel expenditures to Afyonkarahisar will be maintained by their own institutions.

- For the participants from OECD/SIGMA supported by Delegation of the European Union to Turkey; hotel bookings will be maintained by TGNA. Travel, accommodation and all other expenditures will be maintained by the participants' own organization.

- For the participants from the member states of PUIC;

- Meeting and Accommodation: The meeting will take place at the Anemon SPA Hotel in Afyonkarahisar (www.anemonhotels.com)

- Accommodations: The Turkish Parliament has made arrangements at the Anemon SPA Hotel for all participants.

- Language: Simultaneous translation in English, Arabic and French, will be available throughout the meeting.

- Registration Form : All Delegates need to complete the attached registration form and return it to the Secretariat ahead of the meeting until 16 August 2010.

- Flight Arrangements

Turkish Airlines sponsored the meeting. All participants are expected to arrive 22.10.2010 to Ankara and depart from Ankara 26 10.2010. All Delegates should inform the Turkish Parliament Secretariat about their names and flight Schedule.

- Turkish Airlines will provide the tickets only for the destination where Turkish Airlines operates.
- For the destination points of Turkish Airlines www.thy.com.tr
- Registration form is also the Ticket Request Form.
- After sending registration form, Turkish Parliament will send the electronic tickets to Turkish Airlines Sales Office.
- If there is direct flight to Turkey from your country, You should apply to Turkish Airlines Sales Office in your country
- If there is no direct flight from your country, You should choose the nearest point of Turkish Airlines destination and inform the Turkish Parliament by your registration form. In the point you choose, your electronic tickets will be ready in the Turkish Airlines Sales Office.

Correspondence and Remarks

Other information about the symposium program can be obtained from:

www.tbmm.gov.tr/butce-sempozyum.htm

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