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GELECEK PARTİSİ / FUTURE PARTY

PROGRAMME

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VIII.Foreign Policy and National Defense; Subject of International Order

The thirty years in the aftermath of the Cold War that had supposedly ended symbolically by the fall of Berlin Wall and led to great expectations and hope in the context of international order and peace, had brought various important and contradictory factors into the scene. While on one hand, revolution in technological communication is increasing the global scale interaction in international relations at an extraordinary level on the other, the structural disintegration is forcing huge masses to take shelter either into low scale ethnical/sectarian identities or leave in big mass movements the places they have been living since centuries.

In these thirty years, four major earthquakes in the international order had ended the utopic optimism on which post Cold War End of History thesis was based and caused nihilist pessimism to come to fore that shook the foundations of the idea of order.

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In international political order, in this context;

*Static bipolar system is replaced by multi balance of power structures that may change with respect to regions and context accordingly.

*UN has lost its importance and influence as a reference for reaching solutions to international questions.

*The effectiveness and functionality of regional organizations as EU, NATO, OIC, GCC and AL has decreased.

*While some of the nation states that emerged in the aftermath of II. World War had entered into a period of disintegration, conflicts in institutional functionality of others with rooted state traditions had also increased.

*Populist and authoritarian tendencies became wide spread that had rendered all efforts for political order ineffective.

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Comprehensive Strategic Renewal; Rational Diplomacy, Consistent Discourse and Effective Institutionalization

The international conjuncture that is becoming increasingly volatile has caused all countries to face serious challenges. In the context of reactions to these challenges three different foreign policy approaches come to fore. (i) acting by daily reflexes devoid of strategic inner comprehension through reactional approaches to dynamic conjuncture (ii) display static attitudes in order to avoid risks that the dynamic conjuncture may shape and (iii) adopt a rational diplomacy discourse and attitude with a comprehensive strategic perspective.

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Today there is a need for comprehensive strategic renewal in every level. In this context, first, a multi dimensional, flexible and rational diplomacy strategy that reads dynamics of multiple power balance properly through accurate defining of needs of international conjuncture will be adopted.

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Foreign policy, we believe, should not be a matter of domestic political competition but rather a subject of following Turkey's interests. We aim Turkey having a foreign policy perspective leaning over democratic values in order to have a reputable place and to further develop these values in the world of 21.st century, not trapped in the global camps, taking into consideration the geopolitical transformation taking place in the world and which does not accredit regional vicious circles.

We see protecting our country's identity as an island of stability in the geopolitical environment created by the global fragilities and regional conflicts today as one of our top important tasks.

Empowered by its history, we aim Turkey be a respectful and prosperous member of world community. In order to reach these goals, we consider there is the need of combatting with waves of locking out that influenced many parts of the world, and that it will be possible to succeed through deepening of our democracy, empowering our economy and following a stable and reputable foreign policy.

We lean over a 21.st century foreign policy vision which does not stuck among camps of 20.th century nor prefers short term tactical benefits to long term interests of our country and which separates foreign policy interests from discussions pertaining to domestic policy issues. This point of view, while ensuring our national security with lasting policies, it will also provide keeping our country's political and economic weight on global and regional planes.

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Global Diplomacy; Conformity with Balance of Multiple Powers

While believing that Turkey's interests will be protected through multilateral and flexible foreign relations, Gelecek Partisi at the same time believes foreign policy must be conducted on basis where our country has a unique weight.

Gelecek Partisi has a reputable and consistent defence and foreign policy approach that protects the interests of our nation and country against global and regional geopolitical risks. We have a perspective that perceives new challenges and opportunities of the 21.st century, oversees new openings while developing Turkey's benefits, foresees making new friendships while updating traditional alliances, deepens relations with our historical and cultural geography, strengthens bonds with ethnic and related communities and develops our economic interests.

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Dynamic foreign policy approach, updated alliance map and new cooperations will be materialized for elimination of threats around us and management of risks.

In this context, we will strengthen by modernizing our traditional relations in line with economic priorities and political nature of recent years that had totally changed map of global and regional alliances. We will build a foreign policy basis where our economic interests and security priorities, as well as cultural and historical relations and universal values shall support and widen each other. This basis will be away from understanding of camps of 20.th century and illness of populism of 21. century. Our interests will be the foreign policy basis of Gelecek Partisi and its spine will be the balance between security and freedom.

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Regional Diplomacy; Peace and Role in Stability Founding

Middle East and North Africa constitute one of the main pillars of our foreign policy due to our historical bonds and geographical proximity as well as their strategic importance in the world politics and economy. We believe in the need our country develops a realistic policy aiming at establishing peace, stability and cooperation based on respect to sovereignty and territorial integrity of all neighbours and actors in the region and mutual interests.

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We value Cyprus, the main foreign policy issue of Turkey during the last 50 years not simply as an area of dispute, but also as the most important pillar of our Eastern Mediterranean strategy. A solution based on equal will of two founding peoples in Cyprus will certainly make great contributions to our national interests as well as peace in the region. For this, we believe a new will must be put forth for reaching a lasting solution to Cyprus problem. However, whatever direction the developments lead, we shall employ utmost efforts towards recognition of international community the fact that Cypriot Turkish people is one of the owners of the Island having just rights.

In East Mediterranean, any unilateral action that may infringe rights of Turkey and Northern Cyprus Turkish Republic shall be confronted in the most effective manner. Gelecek Partisi believes East Mediterranean energy resources must be appraised as a new dynamic that may bring together countries in Mediterranean as well as the investor states and contribute to solving geopolitical problems.

Balkans, for our Party are one of the most strategic regions both from the point that it is a region with which we are attached by historical and cultural bonds and also is a door opening to Europe. We will adopt a policy primarily ensuring all measures aiming at protection of tranquility of our relatives and brethren-in-history and prevention of repetition of 1990s scenes of great sufferings.

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Constituting the connection corridor for Turkey towards Asian deepness, Caucasia is an important geo-political region where our ethnic brethren and relative communities live. We will continue strengthening our close historical, cultural and economic relations with each one of the regional countries.

Gelecek Partisi has the vision of elevating economic relations to the highest level with Caucasia as the door of economy to Central Asia. We regard diversification of bilateral and regional cooperation also with non-energy investments as a major requirement for establishment of joint welfare areas.

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Central Asian Countries have a unique place for Turkey and Turkish foreign policy. We envisage continuation through deepening of multi dimensional and multi layer relations with CAS with whom Turkey shares linguistic,religious, cultural and historical bonds.We will spare efforts to have Turkey one of the most benefitted countries from the strategic location of Central Asia on the energy routes.Deepening of bilateral relations with brotherly and friendly CAS is a strategic necessity that must never be neglected. On the other hand,strengthening and boosting efficiency of Turkic Council is among our main goals.

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With its young population, cultural identity, institutional capacity and constructive contributions to relations between motherland and countries where they live, the Turkish diaspora should further develop and get the place it deserves in the global arena like other diasporas. We value Turkish diaspora as the natural part of Turkish nation and feel the same responsibility to them.

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Relations with brotherly and related communities abroad is another topic of primary importance for Gelecek Partisi. Together with her deep rooted history, civilization and culture Turkey is a country which has a unique place in the hearts of not only its own citizens but also millions of people from Balkans to Far East, Caucasus to Middle East and Black Sea to South Africa who follows developments relating to Turkey closely.

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National Security; Safeguard of the Country's Security

Our country must have a powerful army and a sustainable, visionary defence industry for a strong defence capability. One other important aspect of a full democratic Turkey goal is a powerful and law abiding Turkish Armed Forces.

Our Party views national defence as a comprehensive issue. Presence of a modern, effective and strong Turkish Armed Forces at the service of state of law is the guarantee of our security.

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Active Contribution to Global Governance; Political, Economic and Cultural Re-Structuring

Humanity today faces very large scale challenges regarding its destiny. Gelecek Partisi believes in countering these challenges that threaten common destiny of humanity, new system of values by the participation of states and related civil society subjects and comprehensive new conventions which depend on these values are needed.

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Loss of reputation as a result of inability to adopt effective UN Security Council resolutions even in cases of millions of human losses due to veto-blockages is one of the main factors that created spiral of systemic crises. Our Party believes that this deadlock maybe overcome through a participatory and binding reform through conventions and mechanisms that will be supported by widest participation.

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At the time when international political, economic and cultural order is facing major quakes, our country possesses a potential that may shape a difference

with her highly educated dynamic human capacity and unique geopolitical status and rich cultural heritage. Gelecek Partisi believes that with this effective foreign policy understanding, our country will make active contributions to endeavors towards building regional and international scale new order and will not be a passive but an active subject of international system.
