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President of the Republic of Turkey H.E. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan paid an official visit to the USA on 23-27 September 2018 and to Germany on 27-30 September 2018. Health Minister Dr. Fahrettin Koca accompanied Mr. President in his visits to the USA and Germany.

Ministry of Health of the Republic of Turkey was deemed worthy of an award by the United Nations Interagency Task Force (UNIAFT) on the Prevention and Control of the Non-communicable Diseases for her successful implementations in the field of Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases and her contribution to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals in this specific field. The award was presented by WHO Director General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus during the 73rd session of UN General Assembly held in New York and received by the Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan. Paying visits to many countries as of 2013 to examine the national programs on non-communicable diseases, the Task Force visited Turkey in April 2016 and following that working visit Turkey was deemed worthy of the award.
President of the Republic of Turkey H.E. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan paid a visit to Germany

Health Minister Dr. Fahrettin Koca accompanied Mr. President in his visit to Germany on 27-29 September 2018.

The Parties discussed the cooperation areas to strengthen the economic relations. In addition to the meetings between the Turkish and German delegations, the Turkish party also came together with the NGOs in Germany and the leading German companies.

On the last day of the visit – 29 September 2018, the Turkish delegation went to Koln to attend the inauguration of Koln Mosque constructed by the Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs.
Health Minister Dr. Fahrettin Koca received the Ambassador of Saudi Arabia

Health Minister Dr. Fahrettin Koca received the Ambassador of Saudi Arabia to Ankara Waled Elkhreiji on 12 September 2018. During the meeting, the Parties discussed opening and operation of a hospital in Mecca and Medina by the Turkish Ministry of Health, increasing quotas for the Saudi students trained in Turkey in the field of medicine and nursing and involvement of the Saudi investors in the indigenization and domestication efforts of Turkey for medicines and medical devices.

Health Minister Dr. Fahrettin Koca received the Ambassador of Azerbaijan

Health Minister Dr. Fahrettin Koca received the Ambassador of Azerbaijan to Ankara Khazar Ibrahim on 12 September 2018. During the meeting, the Parties discussed problems faced by the doctors trained in Azerbaijan during award of equivalence certificate (high internship prices, standardization of internship content), low salary of the doctors having specialty training in Turkey in the field of medicine and dentistry, increasing quotas for the subspecialty trainings (in particular internal medicine and pediatrics), salary problem of the doctors having subspecialty training, low salary of the dentists during internships, absence of revolving fund allocation and on-call payments for the residents trained at GATA.
8th session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe took place in Rome, Italy on 17-20 September 2018. Turkey attended the meeting with a delegation headed by Deputy Health Minister Prof. Dr. Emine Alp Meşe. During the four-day meetings, Sustainable Development Goals of the WHO Regional Office for Europe, public health, diseases preventable with vaccines and immunization as well as the policies and strategies of health expenses were discussed, and healthcare services delivered to the refugees, in particular Syrians in Turkey were promoted by the Turkish Ministry of Health together with the examples of good practices as a side event. Furthermore, Deputy Health Minister Prof. Dr. Meşe held bilateral meetings with WHO Regional Director for Europe Dr. Zsuzsanna Jakab, Ukrainian Health Minister Ulanna Nadia Suprun, Uzbek Health Minister Prof. Dr. Alisher Shadmanov and Kyrgyz Health Minister Kosmosbek Çolpanbayev regarding the future collaborations.
AFAB Consultation Meeting

Within the framework of Alliance to Fight Avoidable Blindness (AFAB), General Director of Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development (ISFD) Waleed Al-Wohaib and IsDB Regional Director for Turkey Saleh Jelassi visited Deputy Health Minister of Turkey Prof. Dr. Emine Alp Meşe on 11 September 2018. During the meeting, the Parties exchanged opinions about the cooperation areas for AFAB.

Meeting for the Presentation of Investment Rationale for the Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases in Turkey

“Investment Rationale for the Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases in Turkey” report was prepared by General Directorate of Public Health and WHO Regional Office for Europe. A presentation meeting was held for the report by Deputy Health Minister Prof. Dr. Emine AlpMeşe, Head of WHO Turkey Country Office Dr. Pavel Ursu, and officials from General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs and other stakeholders on 12 September 2018.
Visit of Iran Delegation to the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs

General Director of EU and Foreign Affairs Dr. Selami Kılıç received Dr. Jelal Naeli, Head of Bilateral Economic Relations Department of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on 6 September 2018. During the meeting, Dr. Naeli handed in the invitation extended by Dr Seyed Hassan H.E. Minister of Health of Iran to Dr. Fahrettin Koca, Minister of Health of Turkey. Dr. Naeli also stated that Iran is ready to prepare an action plan to develop the relations in the field of health and benefit from the experiences of Turkey arising from the health reform.

Visit of Ambassador of Cuba to the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs

Ambassador of Cuba to Turkey Luis Alberto Amoros Nunez paid a visit to the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs and held a meeting with the General Director Dr. Selami Kılıç on 5 September 2018. During the meeting, participation of the newly appointed Minister of Health of Cuba Dr. José Angel Portal Miranda to 2nd International Primary Healthcare Services Conference to be held in Astana, Kazakhstan on 25-26 November 2018 and on this occasion to HIMSS Euroasia’18 EMRAM (Electronic Medical Record Adoption Model) Conference and Health Informatics Fair to be held in Istanbul on 25-27 October 2018 and a meeting with Dr. Fahrettin Koca, Minister of Health of Turkey were discussed. The parties agreed that a Memorandum of Understanding could be signed during the aforementioned visit. In this regard, the Ambassador stated to submit the relevant official letters to the Turkish Ministry of Health through diplomatic channels.
Visit of Undersecretary of the Embassy of Kyrgyz Republic to the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs

Undersecretary of the Embassy of Kyrgyz Republic Aibek Akaev paid a visit to the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs and held a meeting with the General Director Dr. Selami Kılıç on 7 September 2018.

During the meeting, the Parties talked about increasing quota from 100 to 150 for the Kyrgyz patients treated in Turkey free of charge under the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic on Cooperation in the field of Health and Medicine dated 3 June 2014 and meeting medical equipment needs of the Kyrgyz patients treated in Turkey under the same Agreement.

Uzbekistan Visit of the Delegation of the Health Ministry

A delegation from the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs paid a visit to Uzbekistan between the dates of 24-29 September 2018 in order to make onsite examinations for the health week to be organized in Karakalpakstan between the dates of 1-11 November 2018 in cooperation with Health Ministry of Uzbekistan, TIKA and Health Ministry of Turkey, to hold meetings with the officials of the Uzbek Health Ministry and evaluate the draft protocol on cooperation with the officers of Presidency of Uzbekistan Strategy Development Center.

During the meetings between the delegations, the topics below were covered:
- health system support
- medical tourism
- medicines and medical products
- training in medicine
- cooperation in private-public partnership
- organization of health week
- cooperation in social security
- tele-medicine applications and
- cooperation in training and medical and social assistance
Delegation of the Turkish Ministry of Health visited Kyrgyzstan

A 4-person technical delegation from the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Turkey went to Kyrgyzstan on 28 August 2018 to accompany President H.E. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan in his visit to Kyrgyzstan on 01-03 Sep 2018 in order to follow signature processes of “Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic on Establishment, Joint Operation and Transfer of the Bishkek Kyrgyz-Turkish State Hospital of Friendship & on Provision of Medical and Medical Specialization Training In Turkey for the Kyrgyz Citizens” and “Memorandum of Understanding between the Medical Equipment Department of the Kyrgyz Republic and Medicines and Medical Devices Agency of Turkey” and engaged in inaugural activities for the Bishkek Kyrgyz-Turkish State Hospital of Friendship.

Delegation of Azerbaijan visited the Turkish Ministry of Health

A technical delegation from Azerbaijan visited Turkey between the dates of 18-20 Sep 2018 as the guest of the Social Security Institution. In this regard, the delegation visited Ankara Atatürk Training and Research Hospital and the Ministry of Health of Turkey on 20 Sep 2018 to receive information about performance system applications and MEDULA hospital applications.

Qatar and Kuwait High-Level Strategic Dialogue Meeting

A delegation from the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs attended the meeting organized and coordinated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs concerning Qatar High Strategic Committee Meeting / Joint Committee Meeting on Kuwait Cooperation on 9 Sep 2018.

During the meeting, the parties mentioned about the current cooperation areas between Turkey and Qatar and Kuwait, the agreements with ongoing negotiations and the probable cooperation projects. The latest developments about the Grant Agreement signed in Ankara on 19 January 2016 between the Turkish Ministry of Health and Kuwait Fund were also discussed.

Preliminary Meeting of European Center for Disease Prevention and Control

In order to get prepared for the Teleconference Meeting to be held in October 2018 with the Enlargement Countries Contact Points under coordination of ECDC (European Center for Disease Prevention and Control), a preliminary meeting was organized at the General Directorate of Public Health on 19-20-21 Sep 2018 and representatives of the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs attended the meeting as well.
Opening Meeting for Adaptation of the Health Statistics with the International Standards

Within the framework of Adaptation of the Health Statistics with the International Standards, aiming to providing health indicators in line with the international standards and retrieval of the data from the administrative registers, an opening meeting was organized in Ankara on 24-25 Sep 2018. The meeting focused on the objective of the project and provided a platform to exchange opinions on presentation of healthy data to such organizations as WHO, OECD and EUROSTAT. Technical departments of the Ministry made presentations on collection of data and challenges encountered.

Foreign Healthcare Professionals with Ongoing Training in Turkey

Training programs of the foreign healthcare staff who are receiving training as observers in the affiliated training and research hospitals of the Ministry are ongoing under bilateral agreements. Within the framework of such programs, a total of 163 foreign healthcare staff received training as of 30 September 2018. Training of 46 foreign healthcare staff is ongoing at the Research and Training Hospitals affiliated to the Ministry of Health.

Disaster Medicine and Pre-hospital Emergency Medicine Training Project

Within the framework of Disaster Medicine and Pre-hospital Emergency Medicine Training Project towards the Sudanese healthcare professionals, the Turkish Ministry of Health organized a training program at Urla International Emergency Disaster Training and Simulation Center (URLASIM) in Izmir between the dates of 30 Sep – 13 Oct 2018. Trainers of the Turkish Ministry of Health provided theoretical and practical trainings for the Sudanese healthcare professionals for the times of disasters and emergencies under the coordination of General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs.

Treatment of Foreign Patients in Turkey

As per "Article 14 of the Basic Law on Health Services no 3359" 259 patients and as per Bilateral Agreements and Protocols 647 patients - 906 foreign patients in total - were treated in Turkey as of 30 September 2018.
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