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The highest decision-making body of the World Health Organization (WHO) convened in Geneva, Switzerland for its 72nd session. Turkey was represented, at the Assembly, by a delegation headed by Health Minister Dr. Fahrettin Koca. Dr. Koca delivered a speech at the General Assembly on the first day of the meeting.

Such global health issues as communicable diseases, non-communicable diseases, universal health coverage, access to vaccines and medicines, immigrant health policies and eradication of polio were the main topics of discussion at the Assembly.

Turkey co-sponsored the following side events on the margin of the Assembly: “Health Services Quality and Patient Safety in Emergencies”, “Universal Health Coverage and Migration”, “Traditional and Complementary Medicine” and “Role of Primary Healthcare Services in Universal Health Coverage”.

Country experiences were shared through the speeches and presentations during the side events. Furthermore, H.E. Emine Erdoğan attended, as the honored guest and speaker, the special event organized by the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH).

Many bilateral meetings were held to receive support of the member countries for Dr. Nedret Emiroğlu, nominated by Turkey for the election of WHO Regional Director for Europe, also there was organized a reception, for this purpose, hosted by Health Minister Dr. Fahrettin Koca.

Dr. Koca also had bilateral meetings with Azerbaijan, Cuba, Iran, Iraq, Portugal and Czech Republic to improve relations.
Bilateral Meetings during the 72nd Session of the World Health Assembly

H.E. Emine Erdoğan and Rashid Kalikov, UN Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Partnerships with the Middle East and Central Asia

H.E. Emine Erdoğan and Joy Phumaphi, ALMA 2030 Executive Secretary and EWEC Independent Accountability Panel Co-Chair

H.E. Emine Erdoğan and Helga Fogstad, Executive Director of the WHO Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health

Minister of Health Dr. Fahrettin Koca and Minister of Health of Azerbaijan Oktay Shiraliyev

Minister of Health Dr. Fahrettin Koca and Minister of Health of Cuba Jose Angel Portal Miranda
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Minister of Health Dr. Fahrettin Koca and Minister of Health of Iran Saeid Namaki

Minister of Health Dr. Fahrettin Koca and Minister of Health of Iraq Ala Alwan

Minister of Health Dr. Fahrettin Koca and Minister of Health of Portugal Marta Temido

Minister of Health Dr. Fahrettin Koca and Minister of Health of Czech Republic Adam Vojtech

Reception organized by Ambassador Sadık Arslan, Permanent Representative of Turkey to the UN Office at Geneva for Nedret Emiroğlu, candidate of Turkey for WHO Regional Director for Europe

Traditional and Complementary Medicine Meeting organized under the 72nd Session of World Health Assembly
Indonesia Visit of Deputy Minister of Health Prof. Dr. Emine Alp Meşe

Deputy Minister of Health Prof. Dr. Emine Alp Meşe and the accompanying delegation visited Indonesia on 1-3 May 2019 in order to hold discussions about the Memorandum of Understanding planned to be signed during the 72nd World Health Assembly in Geneva and lay legal foundation for the cooperation between Turkey and Indonesia in the field of health, and to exchange opinions about the cooperation in the field of medicines and vaccines.

Deputy Minister of Health Prof. Dr. Emine Alp Meşe received Ambassador of Cuba and BioCubaPharma Delegation

Deputy Minister of Health Prof. Dr. Emine Alp Meşe received Ambassador of Cuba to Ankara Luis Alberto Amoros Nunez and the BioCubaPharma delegation on 29 May 2019.
Turkey Visit of the Iraqi Delegation

The process is ongoing under coordination of the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs, USHAS and TITCK for procurement of the medicines urgently needed by the Ministry of Health of Iraq. In this regard, two officials from the Iraqi Ministry of Health visited Turkey on 29-31 May 2019 in order to hold discussions with the delegation of the Turkish Ministry of Health for supply of the medicines in return for the relevant payments. Deputy Minister of Health Prof. Dr. Emine Alp Meşe received the delegation on 30 May 2019.

Turkey Visit of the European Committee for Prevention of Torture

A delegation from the European Committee for Prevention of Torture visited Turkey on 6-17 May 2019. Within the scope of the visit, a meeting, chaired by Deputy Minister of Health Prof. Dr. Muhammet Güven, was organized to express their observations about the health services provided for the convicts. Representatives from the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs attended the meeting as well.
Ambassador of the Republic of Burundi to Ankara visited GD of EU and Foreign Affairs

During the meeting, the parties exchanged opinions on execution of a cooperation agreement between two countries for free treatment of the Burundi patients in Turkey.

Ambassador of Niger to Ankara visited GD of EU and Foreign Affairs

Director-General of EU and Foreign Affairs Dr. Selami Kılıç received the Ambassador of the Republic of Burundi Joel Nkurabagaya and Counsellor Espérance Uwimana on 30 May 2019.

During the meeting, the parties exchanged opinions on operation of Niger-Turkey Hospital of Friendship within the framework of the Protocol between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of the Republic of Niger on Opening, Joint Operation and Transfer of the Niger-Turkey Hospital of Friendship signed on 19 April 2018.
First Secretary of the Embassy of Mongolia to Ankara visited GD of EU and Foreign Affairs

Director-General of EU and Foreign Affairs Dr. Selami Kılıç received the First Secretary of the Embassy of Mongolia Solongo Batsaikhan and the Third Secretary Munkhsukh Murun on 7 May 2019. During the meeting, the parties exchanged opinions on development of bilateral cooperation in the field of health, revision of the agreement of 2004 between two countries considering the current conditions and needs, establishment of cooperation between USHAS and Mongolia, and details of the Turkey visit of a group of Mongolian journalists as well as Mongolia visit of the Health Minister Dr. Fahrettin Koca as discussed during the bilateral meeting on the margin of the 2nd Traditional and Complementary Medicine Congress.

Commercial Attaché of the Embassy of Hungary to Ankara visited GD of EU and Foreign Affairs

Director-General of EU and Foreign Affairs Dr. Selami Kılıç received Commercial Attaché of the Embassy of Hungary to Ankara Aron Sipos on 10 May 2019. During the meeting, the parties exchanged opinions on the topics that would be discussed during the Joint Working Committee planned to be held prior to Turkey-Hungary Mixed Economic Commissions.

International Law Department Manager of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kyrgyzstan visited GD of EU and Foreign Affairs

International Law Department Manager of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kyrgyzstan Meder Abakirov visited GD of EU and Foreign Affairs on 3 May 2019 in order to exchange opinions on cooperation agreements likely to be signed during the visit of the Kyrgyz Minister of Foreign Affairs on 5-8 May 2019. During the meeting, the parties talked about the Addition Protocol between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of the Republic of Kyrgyzstan which will increase the number of the patients treated in Turkey free of charge from 100 to 150 and for which preparations are ongoing for signature by Health Ministries of two countries.
Visits for Election of WHO Regional Director for Europe

Within the framework of the election preparations for Dr. Nedret Emiroğlu nominated by Turkey for WHO Regional Director for Europe, courtesy visits were made to Embassies of the member states of the WHO Regional Office in Ankara.

Embassy of Germany, UK, Finland and Sweden were visited in May. Representatives from the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs were also present during the visit.

OIC Emergency Health Trainings Project Consultation Meeting

A consultation meeting was organized at GE of EU and Foreign Affairs on 3 May 2019 in order to evaluate the previous project activities and review the future activity plans under the Emergency Health Trainings in OIC Member States project performed in cooperation with TIKA, OIC SESRIC and Turkish Ministry of Health. Representatives from General Directorate of Emergency Health Services, TIKA and SESRIC attended the meeting.

17th Session of the Coordination Meeting on OECD-Connected Institutions

The 17th Session of the Coordination Meeting on OECD-Connected Institutions was held on 13 May 2019 in order to review what can be done to improve coordination among the public institutions concerning the activity fields of OECD. General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs attended the meeting as well.

South-South and Triple Cooperation Opportunities Meeting

A consultation meeting was held on 22 May 2019 under coordination of the Strategy and Budget Department of Presidency in order to evaluate the proposal of the World Food Program (WFP) to transfer institutional experiences of the Turkey from the Syria migration flow. General Directorate of Public Health and General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs attended the meeting.

2nd Meeting of Health Working Group under G20 Japan Presidency

The 2nd Meeting of Health Working Group was held in Geneva, Switzerland on 29-30 May 2019 under G20 Japan Presidency. General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs too attended the meeting during which draft of the G20 Health Ministers Declaration was prepared, G20 Antimicrobial Resistance Global R&D Center provided briefing and stakeholders made presentations about health priorities.
Shanghai Cooperation Organization Medical Cooperation and Innovation Expo

International Medical Innovation and Cooperation Forum was organized by Shanghai Cooperation Organization in China on 26-28 May 2019.

Concerning the Social Inclusion of the Disabled People Project financed under Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance and technically supported by World Health Organization, the Project Management Team Meeting was held on 10 May 2019 at the WHO Country Office.

Monthly Management Meeting for Social Inclusion of the Disabled People Project

Representatives from the beneficiary ministries – Ministry of Health and Ministry of Family, Labor and Social Services and WHO experts evaluated the project activities and discussed the future activities to be performed under the project.

Working Time and Nurses – Health and Security Risks Workshop


Aiming to increase awareness about the existing EU directives and practices, discuss role of the competent authorities and professional organizations about legislation of working time and nursing and determine the common challenges about health and security risks in nursing, the workshop brought together representatives from General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs, General Directorate of Health Services, Health Sciences University and Turkish Nursing Society.
Persistent fever
Rapid weight loss
Joint pain
Loss of appetite
Unexpected bruising on skin
Frequently recurrent infections

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