

Recent Institutional Changes Pursuant to the Executive Presidency Model Adopted in Turkey

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On 9 and 10 July 2018 two Statutory Decrees and the Executive Presidential Decree No.1 (the “**Presidential Decree**”) were published in the Official Gazette, respectively, to harmonize the legislation and institutional structure of Turkey with the new form of executive presidency adopted by Turkey. The notable changes are summarized below.

I. CHANGES RELATED TO THE MINISTRIES (*effective as of 10 July 2018*)

a. *The number of Ministries has been decreased to 16 from 21. The Ministries and the Ministers are as follows:*

MINISTRY	MINISTER
Ministry of Justice (<i>Adalet Bakanlığı</i>)	Abdülhamit Gül
Ministry of Defense (<i>Milli Savunma Bakanlığı</i>)	Hulusi Akar
Ministry of Interior (<i>İçişleri Bakanlığı</i>)	Süleyman Soylu
Ministry of Foreign Affairs (<i>Dışişleri Bakanlığı</i>)	Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu
Ministry of Education (<i>Milli Eğitim Bakanlığı</i>)	Ziya Selçuk
Ministry of Health (<i>Sağlık Bakanlığı</i>)	Fahrettin Koca

MINISTRY	MINISTER
Ministry of Trade (<i>Ticaret Bakanlığı</i>)	Ruhsar Pekcan
Ministry of Environment and Urbanisation (<i>Çevre ve Şehircilik Bakanlığı</i>)	Murat Kurum
Ministry of Culture and Tourism (<i>Kültür ve Turizm Bakanlığı</i>)	Mehmet Ersoy
Ministry of Employment, Social Services and Family (<i>Çalışma ve Sosyal Hizmetler ve Aile Bakanlığı</i>)	Zehra Zümrüt Selçuk
Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure (<i>Ulaştırma ve Alt Yapı Bakanlığı</i>)	Mehmet Cahit Turan
Ministry of Youth and Sports (<i>Gençlik ve Spor Bakanlığı</i>)	Mehmet Muharrem Kasapoğlu
Ministry of Industry and Technology (<i>Sanayi ve Teknoloji Bakanlığı</i>)	Mustafa Varank
Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources (<i>Enerji ve Tabii Kaynaklar Bakanlığı</i>)	Fatih Dönmez
Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (<i>Tarım ve Orman Bakanlığı</i>)	Bekir Pakdemirli
Ministry of Treasury and Finance (<i>Hazine ve Maliye Bakanlığı</i>)	Berat Albayrak

b. The following Ministries have been merged:

FORMER MINISTRIES	NEW MERGED MINISTRY
Ministry of Family and Social Policies (<i>Aile ve Sosyal Politikalar Bakanlığı</i>) and Ministry of Employment and Social Security (<i>Çalışma ve Sosyal Güvenlik Bakanlığı</i>)	Ministry of Employment, Social Services and Family (<i>Çalışma ve Sosyal Hizmetler ve Aile Bakanlığı</i>)

FORMER MINISTRIES	NEW MERGED MINISTRY
Ministry of Science, Industry and Technology <i>(Bilim Sanayi ve Teknoloji Bakanlığı)</i> and Ministry of Development <i>(Kalkınma Bakanlığı)</i>	Ministry of Industry and Technology <i>(Sanayi ve Teknoloji Bakanlığı)</i>
Ministry of Customs and Trade <i>(Gümrük ve Ticaret Bakanlığı)</i> and Ministry of Economy <i>(Ekonomi Bakanlığı)</i>	Ministry of Trade <i>(Ticaret Bakanlığı)</i>
Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock <i>(Gıda Tarım ve Hayvancılık Bakanlığı)</i> and Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs <i>(Orman ve Su İşleri Bakanlığı)</i>	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry <i>(Tarım ve Orman Bakanlığı)</i>
Ministry of Foreign Affairs <i>(Dışişleri Bakanlığı)</i> and Ministry of the European Union <i>(Avrupa Birliği Bakanlığı)</i>	Ministry of Foreign Affairs <i>(Dışişleri Bakanlığı)</i>

c. The names of the following Ministries have changed:

FORMER NAME	NEW NAME
Ministry of Finance <i>(Maliye Bakanlığı)</i>	Ministry of Treasury and Finance <i>(Maliye ve Hazine Bakanlığı)</i>
Ministry of Transport, Maritime Affairs and Communications <i>(Ulaştırma Denizcilik ve Haberleşme Bakanlığı)</i>	Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure <i>(Ulaştırma ve Alt Yapı Bakanlığı)</i>

II. CHANGES RELATED TO THE OTHER EXECUTIVE BODIES UNDER THE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE (effective as of 10 July 2018)

a. *The Administrative Affairs Chairmanship (İdari İşler Başkanlığı) has been established and the Chair of the Administrative Affairs (İdari İşler Başkanı) is defined as the highest ranking civil servant who is responsible for supervising all affairs, transactions and accounts of all governmental units and is accountable to the President. The following general directorates are structured under this Chairmanship:*

- *The Law and Legislation General Directorate (Hukuk ve Mevzuat Genel Müdürlüğü)*
- *The Personnel and Principles General Directorate (Personel ve Prensipler Genel Müdürlüğü)*
- *The Security Affairs General Directorate (Güvenlik İşleri Genel Müdürlüğü) and*
- *The Support and Financial Services General Directorate (Destek ve Mali Hizmetler Genel Müdürlüğü)*

b. *The following policy boards have been established to assist the President in developing governmental policies:*

- *The Board of Science, Technology and New Policies (Bilim, Teknoloji ve Yenilik Politikaları Kurulu)*
- *The Board of Education and Learning Policies (Eğitim ve Öğretim Politikaları Kurulu)*
- *The Board of Economic Policies (Ekonomi Politikaları Kurulu)*
- *The Board of Security and Foreign Policies (Güvenlik ve Dış Politikalar Kurulu)*
- *The Board of Legal Policies (Hukuk Politikaları Kurulu)*
- *The Board of Culture and Art Policies (Kültür ve Sanat Politikaları Kurulu)*
- *The Board of Food and Health Policies (Sağlık ve Gıda Politikaları Kurulu)*
- *The Board of Social Policies (Sosyal Politikalar Kurulu) and*
- *The Board of Local Governance Policies (Yerel Yönetim Politikaları Kurulu)*

III. SOME OF THE CHANGES BROUGHT BY THE STATUTORY DECREES NOS. 702 AND 703 (effective as of 9 July 2018)

a. *With the Statutory Decree No. 702 the Nuclear Regulatory Authority (Nükleer Düzenleme Kurumu, "NRA"), an independent public authority for the nuclear energy related activities, and a joint stock company under the NRA have been established.*

b. *With the Statutory Decree No. 703:*

1. *The following public institutions, inter alia, have been abolished:*

- *The General Directorate of Press and Information (Basın Yayın ve Enformasyon Genel Müdürlüğü)*
- *The State Personnel Presidency (Devlet Personel Başkanlığı)*
- *The Justice Academy of Turkey (Türkiye Adalet Akademisi)*
- *The Undersecretariat of Public Order and Security (Kamu Düzeni ve Güvenliği Müsteşarlığı)*

- The Turkish Statistical Institute (*Türkiye İstatistik Kurumu*)
 - The Renewable Energy General Directorate (*Yenilenebilir Enerji Genel Müdürlüğü*) and
 - The Institute of Public Administration for Turkey and the Middle East (*Türkiye ve Orta-Doğu Amme İdaresi Enstitüsü*)
2. The following institutions have been merged:
- The General Directorate of Petroleum Affairs and the General Directorate of Mining Affairs have been merged under the name of the General Directorate of Mining and Petroleum Affairs (“MAPEG”) and
 - TETAŞ, the state entity responsible for the commerce of electricity, has now merged with EÜAŞ, the state-owned electricity generation company, under the name of EÜAŞ.
3. The offices of undersecretary and vice-undersecretary and central governors’ offices that are tied to the Ministries and affiliated institutions have been abolished. However, these officers shall continue to perform their duties until the deputy ministers in the Ministries and the chairs in the affiliated institutions are appointed and start working.

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