# PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT (To the Prospectus dated February 2, 2016)

\$1,500,000,000



# (The Republic of Turkey) 6.625% Notes due February 17, 2045

The Republic of Turkey (the "Republic" or "Turkey") is offering \$1,500,000,000 principal amount of its 6.625% Notes due February 17, 2045 (the "notes"). The notes will constitute direct, general and unconditional obligations of the Republic. The full faith and credit of the Republic will be pledged for the due and punctual payment of all principal and interest on the notes. The Republic will pay interest on February 17 and August 17 of each year, commencing on August 17, 2016.

This prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus dated February 2, 2016, constitute a prospectus for the purposes of Article 5.3 of Directive 2003/71/EC, as amended (the "Prospectus Directive").

Application has been made to the *Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier* of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg (the "CSSF"), as competent authority under the Prospectus Directive, to approve this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus dated February 2, 2016 as a prospectus for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive. Application is being made to list on the Official List and trade the notes on the Regulated Market "Bourse de Luxembourg" of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange, which is a regulated market for the purposes of the Market in Financial Instruments Directive (2004/39/EC) ("MiFiD"). The CSSF assumes no responsibility as to the economic and financial soundness of the transaction and the quality or solvency of the Republic in line with the provisions of Article 7(7) of the Luxembourg Prospectus Law.

As of their issuance, the notes will be a further issuance of, will be fully fungible with, rank equally with, and form a single issue and series with, our \$1,500,000,000 6.625% Notes due February 17, 2045 which were issued on February 19, 2014. The total principal amount of the previously issued notes and the notes now being issued will be \$3,000,000,000.

# See the section entitled "Risk Factors" for a discussion of certain factors you should consider before investing in the notes.

The notes will be designated Collective Action Securities and, as such, will contain provisions regarding acceleration and voting on amendments, modifications, changes and waivers that differ from those applicable to certain other series of debt securities issued by the Republic. Under these provisions, which are described in the sections entitled "Description of the Notes – Default; Acceleration of Maturity" and "– Amendments and Waivers" beginning on page S-33 of this prospectus supplement and "Debt Securities – Collective Action Securities Issued Prior to January 1, 2015" beginning on page 13 of the accompanying prospectus, the Republic may amend the payment provisions of the notes and certain other terms with the consent of the holders of 75% of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding notes.

	Per Note	Total
Public Offering Price (1)	117.781%	\$1,766,715,000
Underwriting discount	0.075%	\$1,125,000
Proceeds, before expenses, to the Republic of Turkey	117.706%	\$1,765,590,000

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(1) Plus accrued and unpaid interest, from and including February 17, 2016 to but excluding the Issue Date, in the amount of \$21,255,208.33. Purchasers of the notes will be entitled to receive the semi-annual regular interest payments on February 17 and August 17 of each year.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these notes or determined that this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The underwriters are offering the notes subject to various conditions. The underwriters expect to deliver the notes on or about May 4, 2016 (the "Issue Date"), through the book-entry facilities of The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), against payment in same-day funds.

Joint Book-Running Managers

**BNP PARIBAS** 

**Goldman Sachs International** 

J.P. Morgan

The date of this prospectus supplement is May 4, 2016.

The Republic accepts responsibility for the information contained within this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus. The Republic declares that having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case, the information contained in this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus is, to the best of its knowledge, in accordance with the facts and makes no omission likely to affect its import.

Unless otherwise stated, all annual information, including budgetary information, is based upon calendar years. Figures included in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus have been subject to rounding adjustments; accordingly, figures shown for the same item of information may vary, and figures that are totals may not be an arithmetical aggregate of their components.

You should rely only on the information contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, including the documents incorporated by reference, in making your investment decision. The Republic has not authorized anyone to provide you with any other information. If you receive any unauthorized information, you must not rely on it.

The Republic is offering to sell the notes only in places where offers and sales are permitted.

You should not assume that the information contained in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus is accurate as of any date other than its respective date.

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The Republic has made forward-looking statements in this prospectus supplement. Statements that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements. These statements are based on the Republic's current plans, estimates, assumptions and projections. Therefore, you should not place undue reliance on them. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made. The Republic undertakes no obligation to update any of them in light of new information or future events.

Forward-looking statements involve inherent risks. The Republic cautions you that a number of factors could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements. These factors include, but are not limited to:

- External factors, such as:
  - interest rates in financial markets outside Turkey;
  - the impact of changes in the credit ratings of Turkey;
  - the impact of changes in the international prices of commodities;
  - economic conditions in Turkey's major export markets;
  - the decisions of international financial institutions regarding the terms of their financial arrangements with Turkey;
  - the impact of any delays or other adverse developments in Turkey's accession to the European Union; and
  - the impact of adverse developments in the region where Turkey is located.
- Internal factors, such as:
  - general economic and business conditions in Turkey;
  - political, military or internal security events in Turkey;
  - present and future exchange rates of the Turkish currency;
  - foreign currency reserves;
  - the level of domestic debt;
  - domestic inflation;
  - natural events, such as climatic changes, earthquakes and floods;
  - the ability of Turkey to effect key economic reforms;
  - the level of foreign direct and portfolio investment in Turkey; and
  - the level of Turkish domestic interest rates.

# SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY AND ARBITRATION

The Republic is a foreign sovereign state. Consequently, it may be difficult for investors to obtain or realize upon judgments of courts in the United States against the Republic. See "Debt Securities — Governing Law and Consent to Service" in the accompanying prospectus.

#### **CURRENCY AND EXCHANGE RATE DATA**

References to "Turkish Lira" and "TL" in this prospectus supplement in the context of a point in time after January 1, 2009 are to the Turkish Lira, the Republic's new official currency, which was introduced on January 1, 2009 in place of the New Turkish Lira; references in this prospectus supplement to "New Turkish Lira" and "YTL" are to the lawful currency of the Republic for the period beginning on January 1, 2005 and ending on December 31, 2008; and references to "Turkish Lira" and "TL" in this prospectus supplement in the context of a point in time prior to January 1, 2005 are to the Turkish Lira before it was replaced with New Turkish Lira. References to "U.S.\$", "\$", "U.S. dollars" and "dollars" in this prospectus supplement are to lawful money of the United States of America.

Translations of amounts from Turkish Lira to dollars are solely for the convenience of the reader and, unless otherwise stated, are made at the exchange rate prevailing at the time as of which such amounts are specified. No representation is made that the Turkish Lira or dollar amounts referred to herein could have been or could be converted into dollars or Turkish Lira, as the case may be, at any particular rate or at all.

#### **OVERVIEW**

This overview should be read as an introduction to the prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. Any decision to invest in the notes by an investor should be based on consideration of the prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus as a whole. Where a claim relating to the information contained in the prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus is brought before a court in a Member State of the European Economic Area, the plaintiff may, under the national legislation of the Member State where the claim is brought, be required to bear the costs of translating the prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus before the legal proceedings are initiated.

Issuer

The Republic of Turkey.

The Republic of Turkey is located in southwestern Asia, where it borders Iran, Armenia, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Iraq and Syria, and southeastern Europe, where it borders Greece and Bulgaria, with a total territory (inclusive of its lakes) of approximately 814,578 square kilometers. Turkey's population, as of December 2015, was estimated to be 78,741,053.

The Republic of Turkey was founded in 1923 and currently has a parliamentary form of government. The Republic has undertaken many reforms to strengthen its democracy and economy, in connection with its accession negotiations with the European Union.

**Securities Offered** 

**Maturity Date** 

Issue Price

**Interest Payment Dates** 

**Status and Ranking** 

Markets

**Listing and Admission to Trading** 

**Negative Pledge** 

\$1,500,000,000 6.625% Notes due February 17, 2045.

February 17, 2045.

117.781% of the principal amount of the notes plus accrued and unpaid interest from and including February 17, 2016 to but excluding the Issue Date.

February 17 and August 17 of each year, commencing on August 17, 2016.

The notes will be a further issuance of, will be fully fungible with, rank equally with, and form a single issue and series with, our \$1,500,000,000 6.625% Notes due February 17, 2045 which were issued on February 19, 2014. Following the issuance of notes pursuant to this prospectus supplement, the aggregate principal amount of the 6.625% Notes due February 17, 2045 will be \$3,000,000,000.

Upon issuance, the notes will constitute direct unconditional and general obligations of the Republic and will rank equally with the Republic's other external debt denominated in currencies other than Turkish Lira which is (i) payable to a person or entity not resident in Turkey and (ii) not owing to a Turkish citizen. See "Debt Securities – Status of the Debt Securities" and "Debt Securities – Negative Pledge" in the accompanying prospectus.

The notes are offered for sale in those jurisdictions where it is legal to make such offers. See "Underwriting".

Application is being made to list on the Official List and trade the notes on the Regulated Market "Bourse de Luxembourg" of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange.

Clause (9) of the definition of Permitted Lien set forth on pages 6 and 7 of the accompanying prospectus shall read as follows for purposes of the notes: Liens on assets (other than official holdings of gold) in existence on February 19, 2014,

provided that such Liens remain confined to the assets affected thereby on February 19, 2014, and secure only those obligations so secured on February 19, 2014.

The notes will be book-entry securities in fully registered form, without coupons, registered in the names of investors or their nominees in denominations of \$200,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

Beneficial interests in the notes will be shown on, and transfer thereof will be effected only through, records maintained by DTC and its participants, unless certain contingencies occur, in which case the notes will be issued in definitive form. Investors may elect to hold interests in the notes through DTC, Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. ("Euroclear") or Clearstream Banking Luxembourg, *société anonyme* ("Clearstream Banking Luxembourg"), if they are participants in such systems, or indirectly through organizations that are participants in such systems. See "Global Clearance and Settlement".

Principal and interest on the notes will be payable in U.S. dollars or other legal tender of the United States of America. As long as the notes are in the form of a book-entry security, payments of principal and interest to investors shall be made through the facilities of DTC. See "Description of the Notes — Payments of Principal and Interest" and "Global Clearance and Settlement — Ownership of Notes through DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream Banking Luxembourg".

The notes will contain events of default, the occurrence of which may result in the acceleration of our obligations under the notes prior to maturity. See "Debt Securities – Default" and "Debt Securities – Collective Action Securities Issued Prior to January 1, 2015 – Acceleration of Maturity" in the accompanying prospectus.

The notes will be designated Collective Action Securities under the Fiscal Agency Agreement, dated as of December 15, 1998, between the Republic and The Bank of New York Mellon (successor-in-interest to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.), as amended by Amendment No. 1 to Fiscal Agency Agreement, dated as of September 17, 2003, Amendment No. 2 to the Fiscal Agency Agreement, dated as of January 7, 2004, and Amendment No. 3 to Fiscal Agency Agreement, dated as of January 22, 2014 (collectively, the "Fiscal Agency Agreement"). The notes will contain provisions regarding acceleration and voting on amendments, modifications, changes and waivers that differ from those applicable to certain other series of U.S. dollar denominated debt securities issued by the Republic and described in the accompanying prospectus. The provisions described in this prospectus supplement will govern the notes. These provisions are commonly referred to as "collective action clauses." Under these provisions, the Republic may amend certain key terms of the notes, including the maturity date, interest rate and other payment terms, with the consent of the holders of not less than 75% of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding notes of the series, voting as a single class. Additionally, if an event of default has occurred and is continuing, the notes may be declared to be due and payable immediately by holders of not less than 25% of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding notes of the series, voting as a single class. These provisions are described in the sections entitled "Description of the Notes - Default; Acceleration of Maturity" and "- Amendments and Waivers" in this prospectus supplement and "Debt Securities - Collective Action Securities Issued Prior to January 1, 2015" in the accompanying prospectus.

**Form** 

**Clearance and Settlement** 

Payment of Principal and Interest

**Default** 

**Collective Action Securities** 

**Sinking Fund** 

None.

**Prescription Period** 

None.

**Use of Proceeds** 

The Republic will use the net proceeds of the sale of the notes for general financing purposes, which may include the repayment of debt. The amount of net proceeds is \$1,765,590,000.

**Risk Factors** 

Risks associated with the notes generally include: 1) the trading market for the notes may be volatile and may be adversely impacted by many events; 2) there may be no active trading market for the notes; 3) the notes may not be a suitable investment for all investors; 4) the notes are unsecured; 5) the notes contain provisions that permit the Republic to amend the payment terms without the consent of all holders; 6) there can be no assurance that the laws of the State of New York in effect as at the date of this prospectus supplement will not be modified; and 7) legal investment considerations may restrict certain investments.

Risks associated with the Republic generally include: 1) the Republic is a foreign sovereign state and accordingly it may be difficult to obtain or enforce judgments against it; 2) there can be no assurance that the Republic's credit ratings will not change; 3) risks associated with political and economic environment; 4) risks associated with significant seismic events; 5) volatile international markets and events may have a negative effect on the Turkish economy; 6) potential refinancing risk; 7) potential inflation risk; 8) risks associated with the Republic's current account deficit; 9) risks associated with the foreign exchange rate of the Republic's currency; 10) risks associated with delays or other adverse developments in the Republic's accession to the European Union may have a negative impact on the Republic's economic performance and credit ratings; 11) risks associated with pending arbitration proceedings; 12) risks associated with external shocks; and 13) risks associated with recent federal court decisions in New York relating to ranking provisions.

These risk factors are described in the section entitled "Risk Factors" of this prospectus supplement.

The notes will be issued pursuant to the Fiscal Agency Agreement.

For a discussion of United States and Turkish tax consequences associated with the notes, see "Taxation" in this prospectus supplement. Investors should consult their own tax advisors in determining the foreign, U.S. federal, state, local and any other tax consequences to them of the purchase, ownership and disposition of the notes.

The notes will be governed by the laws of the State of New York, except with respect to the authorization and execution of the notes, which will be governed by the laws of the Republic of Turkey.

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**Fiscal Agency Agreement** 

**Taxation** 

**Governing Law** 

**Clearing Reference Numbers** 

#### RISK FACTORS

You should read this entire prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus carefully. Words and expressions defined elsewhere in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus have the same meanings in this section. Investing in the notes involves certain risks. In addition, the purchase of the notes may involve substantial risks and be suitable only for investors who have the knowledge and experience in financial and business matters to enable them to evaluate the risks and merits of an investment in the notes. You should make your own inquiries as you deem necessary without relying on the Republic or any underwriter and should consult with your financial, tax, legal, accounting and other advisers, prior to deciding whether to make an investment in the notes. You should consider, among other things, the following:

#### **Risks Relating to the Notes**

#### The trading market for the notes may be volatile and may be adversely impacted by many events.

The market for the notes is expected to be influenced by economic and market conditions and, to varying degrees, interest rates, currency exchange rates and inflation rates in the United States and Europe and other countries. There can be no assurance that events in Turkey, the United States, Europe or elsewhere will not cause market volatility or that such volatility will not adversely affect the price of the notes or that economic and market conditions will not have any other adverse effect.

#### There may be no active trading market for the notes.

There can be no assurance that an active trading market for the notes will develop, or, if one does develop, that it will be maintained. If an active trading market for the notes does not develop or is not maintained, the market or trading price and liquidity of the notes may be adversely affected. If the notes are traded after their initial issuance, they may trade at a discount to their initial offering price, depending upon prevailing interest rates, the market for similar securities, general economic conditions and the financial condition of the Republic. Although an application will be made to list on the Official List and trade the notes on the Regulated Market "Bourse de Luxembourg" of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange, there is no assurance that such application will be accepted or that an active trading market will develop.

#### The notes may not be a suitable investment for all investors.

You must determine the suitability of investment in the notes in the light of your own circumstances. In particular, you should:

- (i) have sufficient knowledge and experience to make a meaningful evaluation of the notes and the merits and risks of investing in the notes;
- (ii) have access to, and knowledge of, appropriate analytical tools to evaluate, in the context of its particular financial situation, an investment in the notes and the impact the notes will have on your overall investment portfolio;
- (iii) have sufficient financial resources and liquidity to bear all of the risks of an investment in the notes, including where the currency for principal or interest payments is different from your currency;
- (iv) understand thoroughly the terms of the notes and be familiar with the behavior of any relevant indices and financial markets; and
- (v) be able to evaluate (either alone or with the help of a financial adviser) possible scenarios for economic, interest rate and other factors that may affect your investment and your ability to bear the applicable risks.

# The notes are unsecured.

The notes constitute unsecured obligations of the Republic.

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#### The notes contain provisions that permit the Republic to amend the payment terms without the consent of all holders.

The notes contain provisions regarding acceleration and voting on amendments, modifications, changes and waivers, which are commonly referred to as "collective action clauses". Under these provisions, certain key provisions of the notes may be amended, including the maturity date, interest rate and other payment terms, with the consent of the holders of 75% of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding notes. See "Description of the Notes — Default; Acceleration of Maturity" and "— Amendments and Waivers" in this prospectus supplement and "Debt Securities — Collective Action Securities Issued Prior to January 1, 2015" in the accompanying prospectus.

# There can be no assurance that the laws of the State of New York in effect as at the date of this prospectus supplement will not be modified.

The conditions of the notes are based on the laws of the State of New York in effect as at the date of this prospectus supplement. No assurance can be given as to the impact of any possible judicial decision or change to New York law or administrative practice after the date of this prospectus supplement.

#### Legal investment considerations may restrict certain investments.

The investment activities of certain investors are subject to legal investment laws and regulations, or review or regulation by certain authorities. Prospective investors should consult their legal advisers to determine whether and to what extent: (1) the notes are legal investments for such prospective investors; (2) the notes can be used as collateral for various types of borrowing; and (3) other restrictions apply to their purchase or pledge of any notes. Financial institutions should consult their legal advisors or the appropriate regulators to determine the appropriate treatment of notes under any applicable risk based capital or similar rules.

#### Risks Relating to the Republic

# The Republic is a foreign sovereign state and accordingly it may be difficult to obtain or enforce judgments against it.

The Republic is a sovereign state. Consequently, the ability of noteholders to sue the Republic may be limited.

The Republic has not consented to service or waived sovereign immunity with respect to actions brought against it under United States federal securities laws or any State securities laws. In the absence of a waiver of immunity by the Republic with respect to these actions, it would not be possible to obtain judgment in such an action brought against the Republic in a court in the United States unless the court were to determine that the Republic is not entitled under the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act to sovereign immunity with respect to such action. Further, even if a United States judgment could be obtained in such an action, it may not be possible to enforce in the Republic a judgment based on such a United States judgment. Execution upon property of the Republic located in the United States to enforce a United States judgment may not be possible except under the limited circumstances specified in the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act.

# There can be no assurance that the Republic's credit ratings will not change.

Long-term foreign currency debt of the Republic is currently rated BB+ by Standard and Poor's Credit Market Services Europe Limited ("Standard and Poor's") (which changed the Republic's long-term foreign currency debt rating on March 27, 2013 from BB), Baa3 by Moody's Investors Service Limited ("Moody's") (which changed the Republic's long-term foreign and local currency rating on May 16, 2013 from Ba1) and BBB- by Fitch Ratings Limited ("Fitch") (which changed the Republic's long-term foreign currency rating on November 5, 2012 from BB+). On February 7, 2014, Standard & Poor's revised its outlook on the long-term debt ratings of the Republic to negative from stable (while affirming the BB+ long-term foreign currency sovereign credit rating), due to perceived increased risks of a hard economic landing in Turkey as external conditions tighten and unfavorable exchange and interest rate dynamics pose downside risks to GDP forecasts, the country's declining reserve coverage of net external financing needs, and the view that Turkey's policy environment is becoming less predictable, and that this could weigh on the economy's resilience and long-term growth potential. On November 6, 2015, Standard & Poor's affirmed the Republic's long-term foreign and local currency ratings at BB+ and BBB-, respectively, each with a negative outlook. Standard & Poor's indicated that the negative outlook incorporates the risks of an alternative scenario in which external financing becomes both more expensive and scarcer, and institutional checks and balances deteriorate further. On April 4, 2014, Moody's changed the outlook on Turkey's Baa3 government bond rating to negative from stable. Moody's indicated that key drivers of outlook change were: (i) increased pressure on the

country's external financing position and ii) growing uncertainty about medium-term growth trend. On December 4, 2015, Moody's affirmed the Republic's long-term foreign and local currency ratings at Baa3, each with a negative outlook. Moody's indicated that the Baa3 government rating reflects the country's economic resilience and strong fiscal metrics, which have been maintained through the long electoral cycle. In particular, Moody's noted that the government's low debt ratio is broadly stable after falling over the past decade, and the debt structure is favorable showing relative resilience to Turkish Lira weakness and forthcoming global interest rate increases. Moreover, Moody's stated that the key drivers for maintaining the negative outlook are: (i) the ongoing risks to the country's external financing capacity as a result of its large external funding needs, exacerbated by the fragility of global capital markets and the elevated geopolitical risks that Turkey is facing; and (ii) the lack of visibility on whether the government will embark decisively on the economic reforms needed to support growth, promote institutional stability and reduce external vulnerability. On February 26, 2016, Fitch affirmed the Republic's long-term foreign and local currency ratings at BBB- and BBB, respectively, each with a stable outlook. Fitch stated that fiscal discipline remained in place in 2015 despite the holding of two closely contested parliamentary elections. Fitch also stated that external vulnerabilities are a key credit weakness. In accordance with EU Regulation 462/2013 ("CRA3"), Fitch, Moody's and Standard and Poor's have announced the dates for their respective releases of solicited and unsolicited sovereign credit rating actions with respect to Turkey. Fitch announced its release date as August 19, 2016, Moody's announced its release dates as April 8, 2016, August 5, 2016 and December 2, 2016, and Standard & Poor's announced its release dates as May 6, 2016 and November 4, 2016. A security rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to suspension, reduction or withdrawal at any time by the assigning rating agency. Any adverse change in an applicable credit rating could adversely affect the trading price for the notes and have the potential to affect the Republic's cost of funds in the international capital markets and the liquidity of and demand for the Republic's debt securities. The Republic's current long-term debt ratings include a sub-investment grade rating from Standard and Poor's. They indicate that the notes are regarded as having significant speculative characteristics, and that there are major ongoing uncertainties or exposure to financial or economic conditions which could compromise the Republic's capacity to meet its financial commitment on the notes.

# Risks associated with political and economic environment.

The Republic has from time to time experienced volatile political, economic and social conditions and two financial crises in 1994 and 2000/2001. The Republic's economy was also impacted by the 2008-2009 global financial crisis. If similar conditions recur or if the current global slowdown persists or worsens, this may affect the Republic's economy and financial condition. The Republic has not defaulted on any principal or interest of any external debt represented by bonds issued in public international markets since it began issuing such bonds in 1988. In 1978, 1979 and 1980, the Republic rescheduled an aggregate amount of approximately U.S.\$3.95 billion of its external debt consisting of commercial and government credits, which represented 20.6% of the Republic's total outstanding external debt at that time. The Republic initiated the rescheduling to avoid a possible default under its external debt. Since that rescheduling, the Republic has always paid, when due, the full amount of principal and interest on its direct and indirect external debt. The Republic completed all payments under the rescheduling in July 1992.

The Republic has been a parliamentary democracy since 1923. Since its formation in 1923, the Republic has had sixty-four governments and political disagreements have frequently resulted in early elections. In the Republic's June 2015 national elections, no political party won an overall majority to form a single party government. After the election, attempts to form a coalition failed and on November 1, 2015, a snap election was held. In the November 2015 elections, the Justice and Development Party (the "AKP") received 49.50% of the eligible votes and on November 24, 2015, it formed a single party government.

The Turkish military establishment has historically been an important factor in Turkish government and politics, interfering with civilian authority three times since 1959 (in 1960, 1971 and 1980). Each time, the military withdrew after the election of a new civilian government and the introduction of changes to the legal and political systems.

In late May 2013, demonstrations began in Istanbul's Taksim Gezi Park initially with respect to planned urban development, which were followed by wider protests, demonstrations and strikes in a number of cities. Since these events, the Republic has experienced other forms of civil unrest, including public demonstrations and political protests. In 2015, there were thousands of antigovernment demonstrations throughout Turkey, some of which were related to the ongoing conflict in Syria and some related to the conflict between the government and Kurdistan Workers Party ("PKK"), a terrorist group. The level of conflict between the Republic and the PKK increased following the end of a two-year cease-fire in July 2015. The violence has continued to escalate resulting in hundreds of civilian as well as military casualties, damage to infrastructure in the southeast region of Turkey, and political conflict with the pro-Kurdish Peoples' Democratic Party ("HDP").

On December 17, 2013, a corruption and bribery investigation commenced with the detention and questioning of, among others, the sons of three cabinet ministers. As a result, on December 25, 2013, the Minister of Environment and Urban Planning, the Minister of Economy and the Minister of the Interior resigned. On the same day, Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan announced eight new cabinet ministers and reshuffled one cabinet member to a new ministerial position. The investigation stemmed from allegations of illicit gold transfers and bribes paid by certain persons in the construction industry. In addition, in January 2014, the deputy head of the police force, many police chiefs and a large number of other police officers in 15 cities were removed and a large number of other Turkish police officers and a number of prosecutors were reassigned. In December 2013 and January 2014, antigovernment demonstrations were held in Istanbul and Ankara. On February 28, 2014, all detainees held as a result of such demonstrations were released. On October 17, 2014, the prosecutor decided not to proceed against 53 graft suspects. The prosecutor pointed to a lack of grounds for legal action against the suspects.

In January 2014, the Government issued a proposal to restructure the Supreme Board of Judges and Prosecutors (the "HSYK"), which is the body responsible for appointments in the Turkish judiciary. On February 26, 2014, the President signed a law which gives the Ministry of Justice control with respect to appointing members of the judiciary.

Following the November 2015 elections, the Government started negotiations to form a new constitution, with an aim to replace the existing constitution, which had been enacted after the military coup in 1980. The new constitution may include discussions for a potential change from the current parliamentary system to a presidential model, among other issues. Prospects of a regime change from the parliamentarian system to a presidential or semi-presidential system are not clear. Any negative changes in the political environment of the Republic may affect the stability of the Turkish economy. In addition, any instability in the Turkish economy and financial system may adversely affect the Republic's credit quality. The failure of the Turkish Government to implement its proposed economic and financial policies, including those set forth in the Republic's Economic Reform Agenda and the 2016-2018 Medium Term Program (see "Recent Developments and Overview" for further information), may also adversely affect the Turkish economy.

# Risks associated with significant seismic events.

A significant portion of the Republic's population and most of its economic resources are located in a first-degree earthquake risk zone and the Republic has experienced a large number of earthquakes in recent years, some quite significant in magnitude. For example, in October 2011, the eastern part of the country was struck by an earthquake measuring 7.2 on the Richter scale, causing significant property damage and loss of life. In the event of future earthquakes, effects from the direct impact of such events could have a material adverse effect on the Republic's economy.

# Volatile international markets and events may have a negative effect on the Turkish economy.

As a result of economic instability in many developed and emerging markets, the international financial markets have experienced a significant amount of volatility and many financial market indices have declined significantly. The potential impact of such volatility on the Turkish market and on securities issued by the Republic, including the notes, is uncertain.

The Republic is located in a region which has been subject to ongoing political and security concerns, especially in recent years. These concerns in certain neighboring countries, such as Iran, Iraq, Georgia, Armenia and Syria, have been one of the potential risks associated with investment in securities issued by the Republic. Further, since December 2010, political instability has increased markedly in a number of countries in the Middle East and North Africa, such as Libya, Tunisia, Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Bahrain and Yemen. As a result of the anti-government uprising in Syria, more than 2 million Syrian refugees have fled to the Republic and more can be expected to cross the Turkish-Syrian border if the unrest in Syria continues or escalates. The ongoing conflict in Syria has been the subject of significant international attention and its impact and resolution is difficult to predict. Any continuation or escalation of political instability or international military intervention in Syria and/or a more aggressive stance by Assad's allies, Russia, Iran, and/or China against Turkey and opposition supporters may act as a destabilizing factor for Turkey. The high number of refugees within Turkey's borders and foreign intelligence agents infiltrating both refugee camps and local communities remain current threats. Due to conflict at the Turkish-Syrian border, at the request of the Republic, in 2013, NATO approved the deployment of Patriot antimissile batteries on the Republic's border with Syria, which were used to protect the Republic's border prior to their removal in the fall of 2015. For additional information, see "Recent Developments and Overview — International Relations". Unrest in other countries may affect the Republic's relationships with its neighbors, have political implications in the Republic or otherwise have a negative impact on the Republic's economy.

In recent years, the Republic has experienced a number of terrorist incidents. For additional information, see "Recent Developments and Overview — General". If additional attacks occur in the future, the Republic's capital markets, levels of tourism in the Republic and foreign investment in the Republic, among other things, may suffer.

Political instability and violence in the Middle East has recently intensified. The region has been subject to terrorist acts conducted by DAESH in Syria and Iraq and the ongoing internal conflict in Syria. In June 2014, DAESH and aligned forces began a major offensive in northern Iraq against the Iraqi government, capturing several cities and other territory in this region and oil fields in eastern Syria. In August 2014, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights reported that DAESH had increased its strength to 50 thousand fighters in Syria and 30 thousand in Iraq. In August and September 2014, a U.S. led coalition began an anti-DAESH aerial campaign in Iraq and Syria. In early October 2014, DAESH besieged the Syrian Kurdish town of Kobani and the Government, to date, has not authorized deployment of its military forces to the Syrian-Turkish border to prevent the city from falling under the control of DAESH. As a result, there has been unrest and protests from Kurdish groups within Turkey. The DAESH terrorist attack in Suruç, on July 20, 2015 and DAESH's targeting of Turkey's military border post directly on July 23, 2015, compelled Turkey to initiate military actions against this terrorist organization in Syria. On July 24, 2015, the Turkish Air Force bombed certain DAESH targets in Syria, based on Turkey's right of self-defense in accordance with Article 51 of the UN Charter. The Turkish Air Force also targeted PKK militant camps in northern Iraq. The continuation of the conflict in Syria and/or its further deterioration could have a material negative impact on the Turkish economy.

Regional conflicts, terrorist attacks and the threat of future terrorism have had and could continue to have a material adverse effect on Turkey's capital markets, the level of tourism, foreign investment, exports and other elements of the Turkish economy. The escalation of political instability in the Middle East could also be a destabilizing factor for Turkey and the region as a whole.

In addition, military activities in Ukraine and on its borders, including Russia effectively taking control of Crimea (followed by Crimea's independence vote and absorption by Russia) have combined with Ukraine's very weak economic conditions to create great uncertainty in Ukraine and the global markets. Resolution of Ukraine's political and economic conditions may not occur for some time, and the situation could deteriorate into increased violence and/or economic collapse. While not directly impacting Turkey's territory, the disputes could negatively affect Turkey's economy, including through its impact on the global economy and the impact it might have on Turkey's access to Russian energy supplies.

After Turkey's military downed a Russian warplane near Turkey's border on November 24, 2015, relations between Turkey and Russia have deteriorated. Russia has imposed certain economic sanctions on Turkey. These sanctions have had and are expected to continue to have negative effects on the Turkish economy. See "Recent Developments and Overview — International Considerations — Russia" for further information.

The above circumstances could have a material adverse effect on the Turkish economy.

# Potential refinancing risk.

The Republic has sizeable amounts of domestic and international debt. Central government gross domestic debt stock was approximately TL 448.23 billion and central government gross external debt stock was approximately U.S.\$83.02 billion as of the end of March 2016. Given the relatively short maturity structure of domestic borrowing, any deterioration in financing conditions as a result of market, economic or political factors, which may be outside the Republic's control, may jeopardize the debt dynamics of the Republic.

# Potential inflation risk.

In the past, the Republic experienced substantial inflationary pressures and inflation was one of the most serious problems faced by the Turkish economy during the last decade. Due to Government policies intended to combat high levels of inflation, inflation in the Republic has decreased substantially. The Republic's PPI and CPI for the December 2010 — December 2011 period was 13.33% and 10.45%, respectively, for the December 2011— December 2012 period was 2.45% and 6.16%, respectively, for the December 2012 — December 2013 period was 6.97% and 7.40%, respectively, and for the December 2013 — December 2014 period was 6.36% and 8.17%, respectively. PPI and CPI figures for the March 2015 — March 2016 period were 3.80% and 7.46%, respectively.

In its latest meeting dated April 20, 2016, the Monetary Policy Committee decided to reduce the marginal funding rate from 10.5% to 10.0%. The Committee kept the borrowing rate and one-week repo rate constant at 7.25% and 7.5% respectively, compared to the prior meeting on March 24, 2016. The Committee stated that recently, inflation displayed a marked decline, which was mainly due to unprocessed food prices, and this decline is expected to continue in the short-term. However, the Committee stated that improvement in the underlying core inflation trend remains limited, necessitating the maintenance of a tight liquidity stance. The Committee acknowledged that future monetary policy decisions will be conditional on the inflation outlook, and taking into account inflation expectations, pricing behavior and other factors affecting inflation, a tight monetary policy stance will be maintained.

There can be no assurance that inflation will not increase further in the near future. In particular, strong domestic demand and an increase in global economic activity that influences commodity prices and external demand could cause an increase in inflation. In addition, the exchange rate pass-through effect has had, and in the future may have, a negative impact on the price of imports, contributing to inflation. In the Inflation Report published on January 26, 2016, the Central Bank noted that annual inflation increased in the fourth quarter of 2015 due to the ongoing rise in food prices as well as the lagged effects of the Turkish lira depreciation throughout 2015. The Central Bank stated that the future course of inflation is expected to depend on both the volatility in energy and unprocessed food prices and the effects of global market uncertainty on inflation expectations. In addition, the Central Bank noted that the large adjustment made to net minimum wages for 2016 will have an impact on inflation, and accordingly, inflation is expected to remain elevated for some time. Any significant depreciation of the Turkish Lira may affect negatively efforts by the Turkish government to combat inflation.

# Risks associated with the Republic's current account deficit.

The Republic's current account deficit ("CAD") has widened considerably in recent years mainly due to the widening trade deficit. The CAD increased from U.S.\$45.3 billion (6.5% of GDP) in 2010 to U.S.\$75.0 billion (9.7% of GDP) in 2011, but decreased to U.S.\$48.5 billion (6.2% of GDP) in 2012. In 2013, the CAD increased to U.S.\$64.7 billion (7.9% of GDP), then decreased to \$46.5 billion (5.7% of GDP) in 2014. In the period from January to December 2015, the Republic had a CAD of U.S.\$32.1 billion, compared to a deficit of U.S.\$43.6 billion in the same period of 2014.

A widening CAD may result in an increase in the levels of borrowing by the Republic, a decline in the Central Bank's reserves to finance the CAD and/or depreciation of the Turkish Lira. A widening CAD may also affect the capacity of the Republic's economy to generate foreign currency assets sufficient to cover liabilities arising from external debt. Any of these events could have a material adverse effect on the financial and economic condition of the Republic.

# Risks associated with the foreign exchange rate of the Republic's currency.

The depreciation of the Turkish Lira against the U.S. dollar or other major currencies might adversely affect the financial condition of the Republic, such as through potential unhedged foreign currency positions of Turkish banks and the deterioration of bank asset quality. The corporate sector may also be susceptible to additional foreign exchange risk as a volume of corporate loans is denominated in foreign currencies, resulting in additional risk if the Turkish Lira depreciates and such borrowers may not have sufficient foreign currency reserves or adequate hedging, particularly if such changes are compounded by macroeconomic factors that particularly impact certain sectors or clients (such as the potential combined impact of Turkish Lira depreciation and global oil price reductions on the energy sector). An exchange rate shock could have negative implications for the Turkish banking sector, the main lenders of corporate debt, as well as the credit quality of corporates. In addition, depreciation of the Turkish Lira may increase the price of imported goods, which may increase the trade deficit and the CAD.

Any significant depreciation of the Turkish Lira against the U.S. dollar or other major currencies might also have a negative effect on the Republic's ability to repay its debt denominated in currencies other than the New Turkish Lira, including the amounts due under the notes. Due to market volatility, the Turkish Lira has fluctuated, appreciating or depreciating to TL 1.5376 per U.S. dollar at December 31, 2010, TL 1.8889 per U.S. dollar at December 30, 2011, TL 1.7776 per U.S. dollar at December 31, 2012, TL 2.1304 per U.S. dollar at December 31, 2013 and TL 2.3269 per U.S. dollar at December 31, 2014. As of April 25, 2016, the exchange rate was TL 2.8457 per U.S. dollar. The depreciation of the Turkish Lira against the U.S. dollar has led to an increase in the share of dollar deposits in total deposits in the Turkish banking system. A further increase in this ratio could decrease the effectiveness of the Republic's domestic monetary policy. From time to time, the Turkish Lira may be subject to increased volatility. For example, in connection with the announcement of increases in short-term interest rates by the MPC on January 28, 2014, the MPC noted that

recent domestic and external developments were having an adverse impact on risk perceptions, leading to a significant depreciation in the Turkish lira and a pronounced increase in the risk premium.

Risks associated with delays or other adverse developments in the Republic's accession to the European Union may have a negative impact on the Republic's economic performance and credit ratings.

The Republic commenced negotiations on its accession to the EU on October 3, 2005 and expects to join the EU at some point in the future. However, the Republic's accession depends on a number of economic and political factors relating to both the Republic and the EU. Although the shared objective of the negotiations is accession, these negotiations are an open-ended process, the outcome and timing of which cannot be guaranteed. The EU decided in 2006 to suspend negotiations in eight out of 35 parts, or "chapters", and not to "close" the other 27 chapters, of the Republic's accession negotiations because of the Republic's restrictions with respect to the Greek Cypriot Administration. Moreover, during the EU General Affairs Council meeting of December 8, 2009, Greek Cypriots declared that "normalization" of relations is a precondition for progress in 6 chapters. As a result, 14 chapters have been blocked. Delays or other adverse developments in the Republic's accession to the EU may have a negative effect on the Republic's economic performance and credit ratings.

On December 14, 2015, Chapter 17-Economic and Monetary Policy was opened to negotiations, resulting in a total of 15 chapters opened to negotiations including one that is provisionally closed.

#### Risks associated with pending arbitration proceedings.

Several claimants have filed claims against the Republic ranging in amounts from \$750 million to \$10 billion before the International Center for the Settlement of Investment Disputes or under the United Nations Commission on International Trade Arbitration Rules alleging either that: (a) they have been harmed because the takeover of banks by the Savings Deposit Insurance Fund indirectly impaired their investments in companies affiliated with these banks or their shareholders, without adequate compensation; or (b) they have been indirectly harmed because the Republic cancelled certain contracts with companies in which they allege they held investments. While the Republic does not believe that such proceedings will in aggregate have a material adverse impact on the Republic, the outcome of these arbitration proceedings is uncertain.

The Republic's economy remains vulnerable to external shocks, such as those that could be caused by future significant economic difficulties of its major regional trading partners or by more general "contagion" effects, which could have an adverse effect on the Republic's economic growth and its ability to service its public debt.

Emerging market investment generally poses a greater degree of risk than investment in more mature market economies because the economies in the developing world are more susceptible to destabilization resulting from domestic and international developments. Foreign direct equity investments in the Republic, in particular, are vulnerable to changes in investor appetite due to political uncertainty and the overall retrenchment from emerging markets.

The Republic's economy also remains vulnerable to external shocks, including turmoil in the markets for sovereign and other debt, foreign currencies and equities. If there is a significant decline in the economic growth of any of the Republic's major trading partners, such as the European Union, or any euro area member experiences difficulties issuing securities in the sovereign debt market or servicing existing debt or ceases to use the euro as its national currency, it could have a material adverse impact on the Republic's balance of trade and adversely affect the Republic's economic growth. The European Union, particularly Germany, is the Republic's largest export market. A decline in demand for imports from any member of the European Union could have a material adverse effect on Turkish exports and the Republic's economic growth. Furthermore, the Republic's economy is vulnerable to external events that increase global risk aversion, which could include such events as U.S. Federal Reserve interest rate decisions. In December 2015, the U.S. Federal Reserve voted to increase the target federal funds rate range to 0.25%-0.5%. The continuation of such increases in global interest rates may result in the reduction of external financing to Turkish banks and corporate entities, volatility in capital outflows, adverse fluctuations in currency markets, a suppression of demand and market volatility. A reversal of accommodative monetary policies in developed economies or other events may also cause capital outflows from emerging economies and generate a negative impact on emerging economies, such as Turkey.

In addition, because international investors' reactions to the events occurring in one emerging market country sometimes appear to demonstrate a "contagion" effect, in which an entire region or class of investment is disfavored by international investors, the Republic could be adversely affected by negative economic or financial developments in other emerging market countries. The

Republic has been adversely affected by such contagion effects on a number of occasions, including following the two financial crises in 1994 and 2000/2001 and the recent global economic crisis. Recent volatility in the markets stemming from concerns over China's economic growth may adversely impact economic growth in other emerging economies with close trade links with China. Although China is not a major trading partner of the Republic, no assurance can be given that these developments will not have a negative effect on the financial condition of the Republic. In addition, similar developments can be expected to affect the Turkish economy in the future.

There can be no assurance that any crises such as those described above or similar events will not negatively affect investor confidence in emerging markets, the economies of the principal countries in Europe or the Republic. In addition, there can be no assurance that these events will not adversely affect the Republic's economy and its ability to raise capital in the external debt markets in the future.

Recent federal court decisions in New York create uncertainty regarding the meaning of ranking provisions and could potentially reduce or hinder the ability of sovereign issuers, including the Republic, to restructure their debt.

In NML Capital, Ltd. v. Republic of Argentina, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit has ruled that the ranking clause in bonds issued by Argentina prevents Argentina from making payments in respect of bonds issued in a restructuring of Argentina's debt unless Argentina makes pro rata payments on defaulted bonds that were not exchanged in the restructuring and which rank pari passu with the bonds issued in the restructuring. The U.S. Supreme Court has declined to hear the case in an appeal by Argentina.

The Republic believes and has always intended that the equal ranking clause described in "Debt Securities— Status of the Debt Securities" in the prospectus accompanying this prospectus supplement and appearing in other securities previously issued by the Republic would permit it to redeem or to make principal and interest payments in respect of some of its external debt without making ratable payments in respect of other external debt. However, the decision of the Second Circuit could affect that interpretation, which in turn could potentially hinder or impede future sovereign debt restructurings and distressed debt management transactions by the Republic, by affecting the voting decisions of bondholders, under, for example, the collective action clause contained in previously issued debt securities or the notes offered hereby. The Republic cannot predict whether or in what manner the courts would resolve a dispute over such a clause or how any such judgment would be applied or implemented. Further, the Republic cannot predict whether the litigation described above will affect the liquidity of the trading market for the notes or the price at which the notes will trade in the secondary market.

#### RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AND OVERVIEW

The information included in this section supplements the information about the Republic contained in the Republic's Annual Report for 2014 on Form 18-K filed with the SEC on September 21, 2015, as amended from time to time. To the extent the information in this section is inconsistent with the information contained in the Annual Report for 2014, as amended from time to time, the information in this section supersedes and replaces such information. Capitalized terms not defined in this section have the meanings ascribed to them in the Annual Report for 2014.

#### **GENERAL**

The Republic's economy was impacted by the 2008-2009 global financial crisis but has been recovering from the crisis since the last quarter of 2009. The Republic's GDP increased by 4.0% in 2015. See "— *Economic Developments*".

From December 14, 2015 to April 21, 2016, the Istanbul Stock Exchange National 100 Index (since April 5, 2013 the Istanbul Stock Exchange has carried out its operations under the title of "Borsa Istanbul") increased by 23.6%.

On May 13, 2014, an explosion at a coal mine in Soma, Manisa, caused an underground mine fire. 301 people died in that disaster. Following the incident, an investigation was initiated and 24 people were taken into custody. On November 10, 2014, the indictment of the case was presented to the court by the chief public prosecutor. The indictment has been rejected by the court on four grounds, including lack of testimony, lack of evidence, violation of the principle of individual criminal responsibility and submission of charges without including the necessary technical details. On March 7, 2015, the court approved a revised bill of indictment implicating 45 people in connection with the mining incident. The lawsuit is ongoing.

On December 14, 2014, Turkish authorities made over two dozen arrests of media representatives during raids of a newspaper and TV station with close ties to the US-based Islamic cleric Fethullah Gulen, the spiritual leader of the Gulen movement, an opposition movement in Turkey. The arrests were made on charges of forgery, fabricating evidence and forming an illegal organization to oppose the state. On December 14, 2014, European Union officials Federica Mogherini and Johannes Hahn issued a joint statement stating that such actions were incompatible with the freedom of media, which is a core principle of democracy. On December 15, 2014, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan issued a statement that such steps were necessary and within the rule of law against elements that threaten national security. Following the arrests, several detainees have been released with the remaining subject to further interrogation. On December 19, 2014, the 1st Istanbul Penal Court of Peace issued an arrest warrant for Fethullah Gulen. On February 24, 2015, an Istanbul Court issued a second arrest warrant for him. On September 17, 2015, a Turkish prosecutor sought a jail sentence for Fethullah Gulen of up to 34 years. On October 19, 2015, Istanbul's High Penal Court issued an arrest warrant for Gulen and Sinan Dursun for "attempting to stage a coup, establishing and masterminding an armed organization and political espionage". On November 9, 2015, the Istanbul 14th Criminal Court ordered the arrests of Fethullah Gulen and former police officer Emre Uslu over illegal wiretapping, along with 112 suspects. On December 28, 2015, another arrest warrant was issued for Gulen, along with 60 suspects.

In 2015, there were a series of raids against opposition media outlets and Gulen -associated businesses throughout Turkey. For example, in January 2015, several policemen were arrested for illegal wiretapping and political spying charges. On September 1, 2015, Turkish police raided the Ankara-based offices of a media group affiliated with Fethullah Gulen. Six people were arrested and a warrant was issued for the conglomerate's chief executive, Akin İpek. On September 16, 2015, Turkish police issued warrants against eleven executives on charges of organized theft. The arrests took place in the central city of Kayseri, where police raided a university with alleged links to Fethullah Gulen. On October 26, 2015, an Ankara court appointed administrators to take control of Koza İpek Holding, which the Ankara Chief Public Prosecutor's Office identified as a Gulen-associated business. On March 23, 2016, a court in Istanbul appointed trustees to run the Feza media group, which owns the Zaman Daily and Cihan News Agency. The court accused the Feza media group of supporting the movement of Fethullah Gulen.

On March 27, 2015, the Assembly approved the new domestic security law (Law No. 6638). Law No. 6638 was published in the Official Gazette on April 4, 2015 (No. 29316). The new law expands the powers of the Turkish police and increases penalties for people participating in unauthorized demonstrations.

In recent years, the Republic has experienced a number of terror-related incidents. On January 6, 2015, a police station in Istanbul was bombed. In June 2015, four people died and over 400 were injured after two explosions hit the city of Diyarbakir during

a pro-Kurdish HDP election rally. On April 27, 2016, a suicide bomber detonated an explosive in the north-western Turkish city of Bursa. Police operations in respect of this bombing are ongoing.

After DAESH's (a synonym for the Islamic State terrorist group) terrorist attack in Suruç on July 20, 2015, and DAESH's targeting of Turkey's military border post directly on July 23, 2015, Turkey initiated military actions against this terrorist organization in Syria. On July 24, 2015, the Turkish Air Force bombed certain DAESH targets in Syria, based on Turkey's right of self-defense in accordance with Article 51 of the UN Charter.

On October 10, 2015, two bombs exploded in Ankara during a peace rally killing nearly 100 individuals and wounding over 200 others. On October 28, 2015, the Ankara Chief Public Prosecutor's office said a DAESH cell from Gaziantep, a province in southern Turkey that borders Syria, carried out the bombing. On January 12, 2016, a bombing in Istanbul killed at least 11 individuals including the bomber, a suspected DAESH activist based in Syria. More than a dozen other individuals were wounded in the attack. Following the suicide bombing, Turkish artillery attacked DAESH positions in Syria and Iraq, killing around 200 fighters within 48 hours. On March 19, 2016, a suicide bomb attack in İstiklal Street, İstanbul's main shopping street, killed 4 people and injured 39 others. Two Israelis with dual US nationality and an Iranian were killed in the blast.

In late July 2015, the terrorist group PKK declared an end to a two-year cease fire. Since July 2015, several Turkish soldiers and policemen have been killed by PKK, and Turkish security forces have carried out operations against the terrorist group in Turkey and northern Iraq. The violence has continued to escalate resulting in hundreds of civilian as well as military casualties, and damage to infrastructure in the southeast region of Turkey. Since July 2015, there have also been airstrikes against PKK targets. In October 2015, Turkish aircraft bombed PKK targets overnight in Turkey and northern Iraq. The Turkish Government has stated that PKK militants must relinquish their weapons and return to their camps in northern Iraq before it will halt operations and restart peace talks. On February 17, 2016, PKK-affiliated terrorists exploded a car bomb in the Turkish capital near military vehicles carrying personnel, killing 29 people and injuring at least 60 other individuals. On March 13, 2016, another car bomb attack in Ankara's central Kızılay neighborhood hit a major public transportation hub, killing 37 people and injuring dozens of others. The Interior Ministry has identified the 24-year-old female bomber who had joined the PKK terrorist group in 2013 and received training with the YPG People's Protection Units in Syria. On April 4, 2016, Turkish Armed Forces carried out airstrikes on PKK terrorist bases in northern Iraq.

On December 14, 2015, Special Forces from the Turkish National Police and the Turkish Armed Forces commenced a joint counter-terror operation against PKK members located and active in a number of south-eastern Turkish towns. On February 11, 2016, the counter-terror operation in Cizre town ended. According to figures released by the Turkish Armed Forces, 619 PKK members were killed in Cizre during the nearly two month long operation. On March 9, 2016, anti-terror operations launched against the PKK in the south-eastern Sur district of Diyarbakır province ended. According to a statement released by the Turkish General Staff, 264 terrorists were killed and 345 explosive devices were defused in Sur since the operation began. On March 14, 2016, counter-terrorism operations were launched in the Nusaybin district of Turkey's southeastern province of Mardin. According to a statement from Mardin Governorate, 137 PKK terrorists were neutralized, 100 barricades were removed, 11 ditches filled up and 263 handmade explosives destroyed since the launch of operations. On January 15, 2016, Turkish security forces detained 27 academics on charges of conducting terror propaganda. All of the detained academics were released after questioning. On March 15, 2016, three academics were arrested in İstanbul on charges of making terrorist propaganda.

The Republic is continuing its humanitarian efforts to provide shelter to refugees fleeing the conflict in Syria. As of April 11, 2016, 269,736 Syrian refugees occupied accommodation centers throughout Turkey. As of December 2015, the Republic had spent more than U.S.\$8 billion for Syrian refugees in Turkey.

On October 6, 2015, a draft action plan was published reflecting an agreement between the EU and the Republic to cooperate on support of refugees and migration management to address the unprecedented refugee crisis created by the situation in Syria and Iraq (the "Action Plan"). The Action Plan identifies collaborative actions to be implemented as a matter of urgency by the EU and the Republic with the objective to assist the Republic in managing the massive influx of refugees and preventing uncontrolled migratory flows from Turkey to the EU. The Action Plan contemplates immediate implementation to be jointly steered and monitored by the European Commission and the High Representative / Vice President and the Republic through the establishment of the EU-Turkey high-level dialogue on migration. On November 29, 2015, the leaders of the European Union met in Brussels with their Turkish counterparts. In this meeting, the European Union declared that it is committed to provide an initial €3 billion of resources to Turkey for Syrian refugees. On March 18, 2016, the EU agreed on a wide range of proposals with Turkey to manage the migration crisis,

including the return of all irregular migrants, accelerating the visa-liberalization process for Turkish citizens and sharing the work of hosting Syrian refugees. According to the agreement, the EU will allocate €6 billion (U.S.\$6.6 billion) for reducing illegal migration and making passage to Europe safe. On April 4, 2016 the agreement went into effect and the first group of Syrian refugees arrived in Germany from Istanbul while the first group of migrants, including Syrian refugees, returned to Turkey from Greece.

On December 10, 2015, Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoğlu announced a structural reform agenda to be completed by January 2017 (the "Economic Reform Agenda"). The main objectives of the structural reform agenda are reaching a high income level with strong and sustainable growth and 'Inclusive Growth' which will enable all parts of the society to benefit from strong and sustainable growth.

Turkey became a member of the G20 troika (past, current and future hosts) on December 1, 2013, and its presidency of the G20 commenced on December 1, 2014. The Turkish G20 Presidency hosted the meeting of G20 Ministers of Agriculture on May 6-8, 2015, in İstanbul. This was the first time G20 Agriculture Ministers had convened since 2011. The G20 Agriculture Ministers expressed their strong support of global efforts to ensure food security and agreed on the importance of establishing economically, socially and environmentally sustainable food systems. The G20 Labor and Employment Ministers Meeting was held on September 3-4, 2015, in Ankara. By adopting the G20 Labor and Employment Ministerial Declaration, the G20 Labor Ministers agreed upon a target to reduce the share of young people who are at most risk of being permanently left behind in the labor market by 15% by 2025. The first G20 Energy Ministers Meeting in the history of the G20 was held in İstanbul on October 2, 2015, focusing on issues relating to development and access in particular. The G20 Leaders' Summit was held on November 15-16, 2015, in Antalya. After the conclusion of its term as the G20 President, Turkey passed the presidency over to China on December 1, 2015.

A team from the International Monetary Fund (the "IMF") visited the Republic between January 20, 2016 and February 1, 2016 for the annual evaluation of the economy as part of the regular consultations under Article IV of the IMF's Articles of Agreement. The IMF periodically consults with each member state in order to ensure that each member state has in place a sound macroeconomic framework and corresponding policies to promote financial stability, economic growth and free exchange rates. On February 2, 2016, the IMF published a concluding statement exploring its preliminary findings. In its statement, the mission highlighted that a tighter monetary policy stance is needed to bring inflation back to the 5% target in the medium-term. The IMF also emphasized that a tighter fiscal stance would contribute to reducing external imbalances and lowering inflation.

# POLITICAL CONDITIONS

The latest general elections were held on November 1, 2015. The AKP, the CHP, the MHP and the HDP received 49.50%, 25.32%, 11.90% and 10.76% of the votes, respectively. After the elections, on November 24, 2015, the AKP formed a single party government.

The following table sets forth the composition of the Assembly by total number of seats as of April 22, 2016:

	Number of
	Seats
Justice and Development Party (AKP)	317
Republican People's Party (CHP)	133
People's Democratic Party (HDP)	59
Nationalist Action Party (MHP)	40
Independent	1
Total	550

Source: The Grand National Assembly of Turkey

Following the November 2015 elections, the Government started negotiations to form a new constitution with an aim to replace the existing constitution, which was enacted after the military coup in 1980, with a more democratic one.

#### INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

On May 6, 2015, Turkey became an Associate Member of the CERN, the European Organization for Nuclear Research.

On June 18, 2015, the Minister of Energy of Russia Alexander Novak and the Minister of Productive Reconstruction, Environment and Energy of Greece Panagiotis Lafazanis signed a Memorandum of cooperation on the construction and operation of the TurkStream pipeline on the territory of Greece. On June 22, 2015, Turkey issued a permit for engineering surveys for the offshore section of the TurkStream pipeline. On September 14, 2015, Gazprom Deputy CEO Alexander Medvedev announced that the TurkStream pipeline would be postponed due to the political situation in Turkey. On December 3, 2015, Russia announced that preparatory work on the TurkStream pipeline project was halted.

On August 7, 2015, the Northern Cyprus Water Supply project was completed with the installation of the final part of the pipeline connecting Turkey to the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. In early October 2015, the first fresh water from Turkey reached the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.

On November 10, 2015, the European Commission published the EU Progress Report for Turkey. In its report, the European Commission urged Turkey to lift restrictions on media freedom, respect human rights and stop interfering in the judiciary. The report states that Turkey saw a deterioration of its security situation. The European Commission called for a relaunch of peace talks. Regarding the economic criteria, the report emphasized that the Turkish economy is well advanced and can be considered a functioning market economy. Additionally, it confirmed that Turkey is developing the capacity to cope with the competitive pressure and market forces within the EU. The Report also states that political dialogue on foreign and security policy continued, including on counter-terrorism, against the background of Turkey joining the international coalition against DAESH.

On December 14, 2015, Chapter 17-Economic and Monetary Policy of the EU Acquis was opened to negotiations. This brings the number of chapters opened to negotiations to 15, one of which is provisionally closed.

On March 15, 2016, the fifth Turkey and Azerbaijan High Strategic Cooperation Council meeting was held in Ankara. During the meeting, six cooperation agreements were signed alongside a declaration to increase efforts to complete the Trans Anatolian Pipeline Project before the scheduled date.

On March 16, 2016, Turkey ratified the new Trade Facilitation Agreement, becoming the 71st World Trade Organization member to do so.

On April 14 2016, the European Parliament released a report criticizing Turkey over democracy, human rights and the rule of law while calling for an end to military operations in the Kurdish populated southeast. On April 15, 2016, Turkey's European Union Affairs Minister announced that the report is considered null and void and stated that it would be sent back to the European Parliament.

#### **Cyprus**

On April 26, 2015, Presidential elections were held in northern Cyprus. Mustafa Akıncı won the elections by gaining 60.83% of the votes. Following the completion of the elections, comprehensive settlement negotiations resumed on May 15, 2015. On July 27, 2015, the Turkish Cypriot parliament approved the country's new coalition government. On April 5, 2016, the prime minister of the Turkish Cypriot administration submitted the resignation of his government following the withdrawal of the government's coalition partner. Turkish Cypriot President Mustafa Akıncı has assigned National Unity Party (UBP) Chairman Hüseyin Özgürgün to form a new government. On April 18, 2016, the new cabinet which was formed by the National Unity Party leader Hüseyin Özgürgün and the Democrat Party leader Serdar Denktaş with the support of the independent deputies was approved by President Mustafa Akıncı.

#### **United States**

On June 11, 2012, the United States issued a waiver to Turkey from certain U.S. extraterritorial sanctions against Iran that otherwise might have applied by reference to Turkish imports of Iranian crude oil. The waiver took effect as of June 28, 2012, for a renewable period of six months and was later superseded by additional sanctions relief under the Joint Plan of Action with Iran, enabling Turkey, among other countries, to continue purchasing its then-current average amounts of such crude oil from January 20, 2014 forward, subject to the non-involvement of the US financial system and other US elements in those transactions. This sanctions relief was last extended on July 14, 2015 in connection with the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action ("JCPOA") through "Implementation Day" of the JCPOA sanctions relief, at which time the United States suspended more broadly the relevant extraterritorial sanctions, while leaving in place the primary sanctions against the involvement of US elements in Iran-related oil transactions. On October 18, 2015, the U.S. Secretary of State issued contingent waivers of certain statutory sanctions provisions.

These waivers only took effect on Implementation Day. Until Implementation Day was reached, the only changes to the Iran-related sanctions were those provided for in the Joint Plan of Action of November 24, 2013, as extended. As of January 16, 2016, which was "Implementation Day" under the JCPOA agreed with Iran in July 2015, the relevant U.S. extraterritorial sanctions were lifted, leaving in place only the primary sanctions which prohibit the involvement of U.S. elements in Iran-related oil transactions.

On July 24, 2015, Turkey allowed its Incirlik air base to be used by the United States to fight against DAESH within a certain framework.

#### **Syria**

On May 16, 2015, a Turkish fighter jet shot down a Syrian aerial vehicle for violating Turkish air space in accordance with its rules of engagement and determination to protect its borders.

On July 24, 2015, the Turkish Air Force bombed certain DAESH targets in Syria, based on Turkey's right of self-defense in accordance with Article 51 of the UN Charter. The Turkish Air Force also targeted PKK militant camps in northern Iraq.

On August 16, 2015, having reassessed the threats stemming from the conflict in Syria, the United States and Germany decided to remove Patriot missile batteries from southern Turkey.

On December 3, 2015, the Prime Minister of Turkey announced that Turkey is setting up "physical barriers" in the 98 km (61 mile) stretch of land controlled on the Syrian side by DAESH.

On December 18, 2015, the United Nations Security Council unanimously agreed Resolution 2254 endorsing an international roadmap for a Syrian peace process. Turkey has announced that it supports a solution in which Bashar Assad would be transitioned out in the envisaged political transition process through absolute transfer of power to a transitional government.

On February 13, 2016, Syria's Democratic United Party ("**PYD**"), a terrorist group affiliated with the PKK, located around Azaz in northern Syria, shelled the Akçabağlar base of the Turkish military, located near the Kilis province. Turkish Armed Forces shelled PYD targets in retaliation under Turkey's military rules of engagement. On February 16, 2016, at the request of Russia, the UN Security Council discussed Turkey's shelling of PYD targets in Syria and expressed their concerns.

On February 14, 2016, Saudi military jets landed at Turkey's Incirlik air base in the southern Adana province to carry out missions against DAESH.

#### Russia

Following the launch of Russian airstrikes in Syria commencing on September 30, 2015, on October 3-4, 2015, two Turkish F-16 fighter jets intercepted a Russian plane that entered Turkey's airspace. The Republic strongly objected to the incidents and on October 5, 2015, NATO issued a statement denouncing the violation of Turkish airspace and requesting that Russia cease its attacks on the Syrian opposition and civilians, focus its efforts on fighting DAESH, and promote a solution to the conflict through a political transition.

On November 24, 2015, Turkey's military downed a Russian warplane near Turkey's border. The plane had violated Turkish air space after being repeatedly warned to change its course. Since then, relations between Turkey and Russia have deteriorated. Russia has imposed some economic sanctions on Turkey, including a ban on the import of some Turkish foods, banning Russian tourists from visiting Turkey, and a ban on charter flights to Turkey. Russia also announced an end to visa-free travel for Turks to Russia and terminated the extension of labor contracts for Turks working there. On November 30, 2015, NATO announced that Turkey has the right to protect and defend its borders following the downing of the Russian warplane.

On December 7, 2015, the Deputy Prime Minister of Turkey announced that a worst-case scenario of "zero relations" with Russia would cost Turkey about U.S. \$9 billion. On December 30, 2015, Russia broadened its sanctions against Turkey, which include restricting new Turkish construction and curbing tourism activities in Russia.

# Iraq

On June 11, 2014, DAESH seized the Turkish consulate in Mosul, Iraq and held 49 employees hostage, including 46 Turks and three local Iraqis, for over three months. On September 20, 2014, the hostages were released. The Mosul consulate is no longer operational.

On December 6, 2015, Turkey deployed forces to a camp in a region of northern Iraq as a routine rotation to train Iraqis to retake Mosul from DAESH. The Iraqi Prime Minister said his country might turn to the U.N. Security Council if Turkish troops sent to northern Iraq were not withdrawn within 48 hours. Later, Turkey decided to halt the transfer of troops. On December 8, 2015, Iraq's ambassador to the United Nations stated that bilateral talks between the neighboring states were proceeding favorably. On December 18, 2015, Turkey decided to move troops out of Iraq to de-escalate tensions.

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS

The following table sets forth the percentage of GDP represented by economic sector (at constant prices and expressed in percentages) for the periods indicated:

<b>GDP</b>	by Economic Sector		<u>2015</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2015</u>
		<u>2014</u>	<u>Q1</u>	<u>Q2</u>	<u>Q3</u>	<u>Q4</u>
1.	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	8.8	4.7	7.4	15.2	8.3
2.	Mining and quarrying.	0.7	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.6
3.	Manufacturing	24.2	25.6	25.8	21.2	24.2
4.	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1.8	1.5	1.7	1.7	2.1
5.	Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
6.	Construction	5.8	5.7	5.9	5.6	5.7
7.	Wholesale and retail trade	12.6	13.0	13.0	11.3	12.4
8.	Transportation and storage	12.4	12.4	12.6	11.8	12.2
9.	Accommodation and food service activities	2.0	1.5	1.5	3.2	1.7
10.	Information and communication	2.6	2.8	2.5	2.2	2.7
11.	Financial and insurance activities	13.2	14.1	12.7	13.7	15.3
<b>12.</b>	Real estate activities	4.6	4.9	4.6	4.3	4.5
13.	Professional, scientific and technical activities	2.6	3.5	2.5	2.0.	3.1
14.	Administrative and support service activities	1.9	2.2	1.8	1.5	2.0
<b>15.</b>	Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	2.9	3.0	2.7	2.8	2.9
16.	Education	2.0	2.4	2.1	1.7	2.0
<b>17.</b>	Human health and social work activities	1.2	1.5	1.2	1.1	1.1
18.	Arts, entertainment and recreation	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
19.	Other service activities	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8
20.	Activities of household as employers	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2
21.	Sectoral total	100.8	101.0	100.4	101.5	102.4
22.	Financial intermediation services indirectly measured	9.2	10.1	9.4	9.9	11.3
23.	Taxes-Subsidies	8.5	9.1	8.9	8.4	8.9
24.	Gross Domestic Product (Purchaser's Price)	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: TURKSTAT

The following table sets forth increases or decreases in GDP (at constant prices and expressed in percentages) for the periods indicated:

GDP growth rates (in %)	<u>Q1</u>	<u>Q2</u>	<u>Q3</u>	<u>Q4</u>	<b>Annual</b>
2014	5.2	2.4	1.8	3.0	3.0
2015	2.5	3.7	3.9	5.7	4.0

Source: TURKSTAT

For the month of March 2016, CPI decreased by 0.04% and domestic PPI increased by 0.40% as compared to the previous month.

In March 2016, the Republic's annual CPI and domestic PPI increased by 7.46% and 3.8%, respectively, as compared to the same month of the previous year.

On March 16, 2016, the Government offered an interest rate of 10.17% for its 10-year Government Bond, compared to 8.14% on March 25, 2015.

The calendar adjusted industrial production index increased by 5.8% in February 2016 compared to February 2015 (year on year).

The following table indicates unemployment figures for 2015-2016:

<u>2015</u>	<b>Unemployment</b>	Number of
	<u>rate</u>	unemployed
January	11.3	3,259,000
February	11.2	3,226,000
March	10.6	3,069,000
April	9.6	2,821,000
May	9.3	2,789,000
June	9.6	2,880,000
July	9.8	2,970,000
August	10.1	3,058,000
September	10.3	3,103,000
October	10.5	3,147,000
November	10.5	3,125,000
December	10.8	3,204,000
2016		
January	11.1	3,290,000

Source: TURKSTAT

On January 11, 2016, the Medium Term Program covering the 2016-2018 period (the "2016-2018 Medium Term Program") was announced. The main objectives of the 2016-2018 Medium Term Program are increasing stable and inclusive growth, reducing inflation, preserving the decreasing trend in the current account deficit, increasing competitiveness, employment and productivity, and improving fiscal discipline and strengthening public finance. The 2016-2018 Medium Term Program set a central government budget deficit target of 1.3% of GDP by the end of 2016, 1.0% of GDP by the end of 2017, and 0.8% of GDP by the end of 2018. In the 2016- 2018 Medium Term Program, the government announced that real GDP target growth is 4.5% in 2016, and 5.0% in 2017 and 2018. The primary surplus to GDP ratio target is 0.6% for 2016, 1.1% for 2017, and 1.3% for 2018. The current account deficit to GDP ratio target is 3.9% for 2016, 3.7% for 2017, and 3.5% for 2018.

# **TOURISM**

In March 2016, the number of foreign visitors visiting the Republic decreased by approximately 12.84% to 1,652,511 as compared to the same month of 2015. Between January and March 2016, the number of foreign visitors visiting the Republic decreased by approximately 10.30% to 4,063,477 as compared to the same period in 2015. According to the Turkish Statistical Institute, in the fourth quarter of 2015, tourism revenues decreased by 14.3% compared to the same period of 2014.

# EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

On December 30, 2015, the Minimum Wage Determination Commission agreed to increase the minimum wage by 30% to TL 1,300 from TL 1,000. In order to prevent a black market economy and support employers, in a measure valid for 2016 only, 40%

of the effective increase will be compensated by the government through a deduction from social assurance premiums, and the Social Assurance Institution budget is in turn reimbursed by the budget. As of December 30, 2015, there were around 5.3 million workers on minimum wage payroll in Turkey.

As of January 2016, total civilian employment was approximately 26.28 million of whom approximately 18.3% were employed in agriculture, 20.2% in industry, 6.7% in construction and 54.8% in services sectors. In January 2016, the labor force participation rate was at 55.4%, compared to 54.6% in January 2015. There were approximately 3,528,058 public sector workers at the end of the fourth quarter of 2015.

As of March 2016, the total asset value of the Unemployment Insurance Fund amounted to TL 95.3 billion. The monthly return of the fund for March 2016 was 0.68%. As of March 2016, approximately 92.7% of the Unemployment Insurance Fund was invested in bonds and 7.3% of the assets were held in deposits.

As of March 17, 2016, the number of pension funds offered to the public equaled 250. The total net asset value of these funds increased to approximately TL 51.0 billion as of March 17, 2016 from TL 47.7 billion on December 31, 2015.

#### FOREIGN TRADE AND BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

In February 2016, the trade balance (according to provisional data) posted a deficit of U.S.\$3.165 billion as compared to a deficit of U.S.\$4.709 billion in the same period in 2015. In February 2016, total goods imported (c.i.f.), including gold imports, decreased by 8.1% to approximately U.S. \$15.571 billion, as compared to approximately U.S.\$16.941 billion during the same period in 2015. In February 2016, the import of capital goods, which are used in the production of physical capital, increased by approximately 13.5% over the same period in 2015; the import of intermediate goods such as partly finished goods and raw materials, which are used in the production of other goods, decreased by approximately 14.3% over the same period in 2015; and the import of consumption goods increased by approximately 2.2% over the same period in 2015. In February 2016, total goods exported (f.o.b.), increased by 1.4% to approximately U.S.\$12.406 billion, as compared to approximately U.S.\$12.232 billion during the same period of 2015. Between January and February 2016, the current account produced a deficit of approximately U.S. \$4.123 billion, as compared to a deficit of approximately U.S.\$5.753 billion in the same period of 2015.

According to provisional data, net foreign direct investment inflows into Turkey amounted to U.S. \$141 million in February 2016.

The following table summarizes the balance of payments of Turkey for the periods indicated:

in millions of US dollar*	<u> January – </u>
	February 2016
CURRENT ACCOUNT	-4,123
Trade Balance	-4,795
Goods Exports	22,816
Goods Imports	27,611
Services	1,330
Primary Income	-1,151
Secondary Income	493
CAPITAL ACCOUNT	15
FINANCIAL ACCOUNT	-2,289
Direct Investment (net)	-420
Portfolio Investment (net)	81
Assets	557
Liabilities	476
Other Investment (net)	-2,559
Assets	2,949
Liabilities	5,508
RESERVE ASSETS	609
NET ERRORS AND OMISSIONS	1,819

\*Provisional

#### Source: CBRT

In January 2016, the volume of crude oil imports increased by 19.66% compared to January 2015. In January 2016, natural gas imports increased by 7.91% to 5,392.94 million cubic meters compared to 4,997.80 million cubic meters in January 2015. In January 2016, liquefied petroleum gas imports decreased by 6.5% to 257,155 tons compared to 275,125 tons in January 2015.

As of February 2016, total gross international reserves were approximately U.S.\$131,927 million (compared to U.S.\$143,440 million as of February 2015). As of February 2016, gold reserves were approximately U.S.\$19,028 million (compared to U.S.\$19,843 million as of February 2015) and the Central Bank gross foreign exchange reserves were approximately U.S.\$93,729 million (compared to approximately U.S.\$108,641 million as of February 2015).

As of April 21, 2016, the Central Bank held approximately TL 17.1 billion in public sector deposits.

#### MONETARY POLICY

The Central Bank set the annual inflation target rate for 2016 at 5.0%. The following table sets forth the quarterly inflation path and uncertainty band for 2016:

# Inflation Path Consistent with the Year-End Inflation Target and the Uncertainty Band for 2016

	<b>March</b>	<u>June</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>December</u>
Uncertainty Band (Upper Limit)	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0
Path Consistent with the Target	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Uncertainty Band (Lower Limit)	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0

Source: Central Bank

On April 22, 2016, the Central Bank foreign exchange buying rate for U.S. dollars was TL 2.8287 per U.S. dollar.

The following table displays the period-end exchange rate of Turkish Lira per U.S. Dollar, Euro, Japanese Yen and against the US Dollar-Euro currency basket:

#### **Period-End Exchange Rates**

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016**</u>
Turkish Lira per US Dollar	2.92	2.83
Turkish Lira per Euro	3.18	3.19
Turkish Lira per 100 Japanese Yen	2.42	2.55
Turkish Lira per Currency Basket (*)	3.05	3.01

<sup>(\*)</sup> The basket consists of U.S.\$0.5 and EUR 0.5.

Source: CBRT

On August 18, 2015, the Central Bank announced a roadmap for the process of simplifying monetary policy. The main directives of this process are: interest rate corridor would be made more symmetric around the one-week repo interest rate and the width of the corridor would be narrowed (during normalization), the overnight borrowing facility provided for primary dealers via repo transactions would be terminated (before normalization), and collateral conditions would be simplified (before and during normalization). In an effort to support financial stability, the Central Bank introduced some incentives to encourage longer-term borrowing of banks, and took measures to reduce intermediation costs, among others.

<sup>(\*\*)</sup> As of April 22, 2016.

On October 21, 2015, the Monetary Policy Committee held a meeting at which it kept short-term interest rates constant (compared to the prior meeting) as follows:

- (a) Overnight Interest Rates: the Marginal Funding Rate was kept at 10.75%, and the borrowing rate was kept at 7.25%
- (b) The one-week repo rate was kept at 7.5%
- (c) Late Liquidity Window Interest Rates (between 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.): the borrowing rate was kept at 0% and the lending rate was kept at 12.25%

The Monetary Policy Committee stated that annual loan growth continued at reasonable levels in response to the tight monetary policy stance and macroprudential measures and that the favorable developments in the terms of trade and the moderate course of consumer loans contribute to the improvement in the current account balance. The Monetary Policy Committee also stated that external demand remained weak in the first half of the year, while domestic demand contributed to growth moderately. The Monetary Policy Committee assessed that the implementation of the announced structural reforms would contribute to potential growth significantly. The Monetary Policy Committee noted that energy price developments affect inflation favorably, while exchange rate movements delay the improvement in the core indicators. The Monetary Policy Committee also noted that considering this delay and taking into account the uncertainty in domestic and global markets and the volatility in energy and food prices, the Committee decided to implement a tighter liquidity policy as long as deemed necessary. The Monetary Policy Committee also stated that future monetary policy decisions will be conditional on the inflation outlook, and taking into account inflation expectations, pricing behavior and the course of other factors affecting inflation, the tight monetary policy stance will be maintained.

On November 24, 2015, the Monetary Policy Committee held another meeting at which it kept short-term interest rates constant compared to the prior meeting on October 21, 2015. The Monetary Policy Committee determined that developments in energy prices continue to affect inflation favorably, yet cumulative effects of the exchange rate movements delay the improvement in the core inflation trend. The Monetary Policy Committee also noted that the growth composition appears to be shifting in favor of net exports thanks to the rising demand from the EU countries. The Monetary Policy Committee stated that future monetary policy decisions will be conditional on the inflation outlook; taking into account inflation expectations, the pricing behavior and developments in other factors affecting inflation, the tight monetary policy stance will be maintained.

On December 9, 2015, the Central Bank announced the monetary and exchange rate policy for 2016. The Central Bank noted that it will maintain a price stability-oriented monetary policy framework while aiming to keep inflation close to the target. The Central Bank stated that the uncertainty band will be maintained at 2% in both directions, as in previous years.

On December 22, 2015, the Monetary Policy Committee held another meeting at which it kept short-term interest rates constant compared to the prior meeting on November 24, 2015. The Committee stated that the desired improvement in the inflation outlook was yet to be seen. The Committee noted that although energy price developments continue to affect inflation favorably, cumulative exchange rate movements delay the improvement in the core inflation trend. The Committee noted that core inflation indicators are expected to remain at high levels in the short run. In addition, the Committee stated that year-end unprocessed food inflation was likely to exceed the October Inflation Report projections. The Committee also stated that the effect of higher-than-targeted inflation expectations and the acceleration in wage increases necessitate close monitoring of the overall pricing behavior. Against this backdrop, the Committee stated that the tight liquidity stance would be maintained as long as deemed necessary. The Committee also stated that recent indicators suggest that domestic demand follows a more moderate course in the last quarter of the year, while external demand offers positive contribution to growth. The Committee noted that although geopolitical tensions pose a downside risk to external demand, the recovery in the European economies contributes to external demand. Meanwhile, the Committee stated that the recovery in consumer confidence as well as investment and employment prospects amid waning domestic uncertainties is likely to support domestic demand in the upcoming period. Hence, the Committee expected economic activity to maintain a stable growth trend.

On January 19, 2016, the Monetary Policy Committee held another meeting at which it kept short-term interest rates constant compared to the prior meeting on December 22, 2015. At the meeting, the Committee noted that future monetary policy decisions will be conditional on the inflation outlook. The Committee further noted that, taking into account inflation expectations, pricing behavior and the course of other factors affecting inflation, the tight monetary policy stance will be maintained. The Committee also assessed the heightened global volatility since the beginning of the year and the January Inflation Report forecasts.

On February 23, 2016, the Monetary Policy Committee held another meeting at which it kept short-term interest rates constant compared to the prior meeting on January 19, 2016. The Committee stated that annual loan growth continues at reasonable rates in response to the tight monetary policy stance and macro-prudential measures. The Committee noted the favorable developments in the terms of trade and the moderate course of consumer loans contributing to the improvement in the current account balance. The Committee also noted that demand from the European Union economies continues to support exports at an increasing pace, despite elevated geopolitical risks in other export markets. The Committee determined that the implementation of announced structural reforms would contribute to potential growth significantly. The Committee stated that energy price developments affect inflation favorably, while other cost factors limit the improvement in the core indicators. Considering the wage developments and the impact of the uncertainty in global markets on inflation expectations and pricing behavior and taking into account the volatility in energy and unprocessed food prices, the Committee stated that the tight liquidity stance will be maintained as long as deemed necessary. The Committee again noted that future monetary policy decisions will be conditional on the inflation outlook. The Committee further noted that, taking into account inflation expectations, pricing behavior and the course of other factors affecting inflation, the tight monetary policy stance will be maintained.

On March 24, 2016, the Monetary Policy Committee held another meeting at which it decided to reduce the marginal funding rate from 10.75% to 10.5%. The Committee kept the borrowing rate and one-week repo rate constant at 7.25% and 7.5%, respectively, compared to the prior meeting held on February 23, 2016. The Committee stated that annual loan growth continues at reasonable rates in response to the tight monetary policy stance and macroprudential measures. The Committee also noted that favorable developments in the terms of trade and the moderate course of consumer loans contribute to the improvement in the current account balance. The Committee recognized that demand from the European Union economies continues to support exports at an increasing pace, despite elevated geopolitical risks in other export markets. The Committee assessed that the implementation of announced structural reforms would contribute to potential growth significantly. The Committee noted that recently, global volatility has eased to some extent. The Committee further noted that with the effective use of the policy instruments laid out in the road map published in August 2015, the need for a wide interest rate corridor has been reduced. In this respect, the Committee decided to take a measured step towards simplification. However, the Committee stated that improvement in the underlying core inflation trend remains limited, necessitating the maintenance of a tight liquidity stance. The Committee acknowledged that future monetary policy decisions will be conditional on the inflation outlook. The Committee further acknowledged that taking into account inflation expectations, pricing behavior and the course of other factors affecting inflation, the tight monetary policy stance will be maintained.

On April 20, 2016, the Monetary Policy Committee held another meeting at which it decided to reduce the marginal funding rate from 10.5% to 10.0%. The Committee kept the borrowing rate and one-week repo rate constant at 7.25% and 7.5%, respectively, compared to the prior meeting held on March 24, 2016. The Committee stated that annual loan growth continues at reasonable rates in response to the tight monetary policy stance and macroprudential measures. The Committee also noted that favorable developments in the terms of trade and the moderate course of consumer loans contribute to the improvement in the current account balance. The Committee recognized that demand from the European Union economies continues to support exports at an increasing pace, despite elevated geopolitical risks in other export markets. The Committee also noted that recent data and the leading indicators show that economic activity displays a moderate and stable course of growth. The Committee assessed that the implementation of structural reforms would contribute to potential growth significantly and the recent decline in global volatility has continued and global financial conditions have improved. The Committee further assessed that along with these developments, the effective use of the policy instruments laid out in the road map published in August 2015 has reduced the need for a wide interest rate corridor. In this respect, the Committee decided to take a measured step towards simplification. The Committee stated that recently, inflation displayed a marked decline, which was mainly due to unprocessed food prices, and this decline is expected to continue in the short run. However, improvement in the underlying core inflation trend remains limited, necessitating the maintenance of a tight liquidity stance. The Committee acknowledged that future monetary policy decisions will be conditional on the inflation outlook and taking into account inflation expectations, pricing behavior and the course of other factors affecting inflation, the tight monetary policy stance will be maintained.

As of April 22, 2016, the one-week repo auction rate of the Central Bank was 7.5%, the Central Bank overnight borrowing interest rate was 7.25% and the Central Bank marginal funding rate was 10.0%.

#### BANKING SYSTEM

The Republic has a relatively strong, well-capitalized and profitable banking system. The banking system in the Republic had a capital adequacy ratio of 15.34% and a relatively low non-performing loan ratio of 3.26% as of February 2016. This ratio takes into account a moderate increase in non-performing retail loans.

As of February 2016, the loan to deposit ratio and net income margin of the banking sector were 123.39% and 0.56%, respectively.

On May 29, 2015, Turkey's first state-owned participation bank (a financial institution whose activities are in compliance with Islamic rules), Ziraat Participation Bank, officially began operating.

On February 26, 2016, Turkey's second state-owned participation bank, Vakif Participation Bank, officially began operating with an initial capital of TL 805 million.

As of August 28, 2015, the reserve requirement ratios (the "RRRs" and each, an "RRR") for foreign exchange (FX) denominated liabilities of banks and financing companies were revised in order to encourage the extension of maturities of non-core liabilities. New ratios started to be applied to the liabilities after August 28, 2015 and the maintenance period began on October 23, 2015.

Liabilities other than Deposits/Participation Funds	Previous Ratios (%)	New Ratios (%)
With maturity up to (and including 1 year)	20	25
With maturity up to (and including 2 years)	14	20
With maturity up to (and including 3 years)	8	15
With maturity up to (and including 5 years)	7	7
With maturity longer than 5 years	6	5
Source: CBRT		

As of April 22, 2016, the RRRs for Turkish Lira deposits/participation accounts were between 5% and 8.5% depending on maturity. Furthermore, as of that date RRRs were 11.5% for Turkish Lira demand deposits, notice deposits and private current accounts, and deposits/participation accounts with maturities up to one month and three months (including 1 and 3 months).

In February 2015, the Turkish Banking Regulation and Supervision Agency (the "BRSA") ordered the seizure of Asya Katilim Bankasi, a publicly traded bank in Turkey that trades as Bank Asya, as a result of which the Turkish Savings and Deposits Insurance Fund assumed management control of the bank. The BRSA announced it was taking such action due to Bank Asya's violation of a provision of the Banking Law that requires banks to have a transparent and open shareholding and organizational structure that does not obstruct the efficient auditing of the bank by the BRSA. On May 29, 2015, the management of Bank Asya was transferred to the Savings Deposit Insurance Fund.

# PUBLIC FINANCE AND BUDGET

During the period from January – March in 2016, the central government consolidated budget expenditures were approximately TL 131.7 billion and the central government consolidated budget revenues were approximately TL 131.7 billion, compared to central government consolidated budget expenditures of approximately TL 118.6 billion and consolidated budget revenues of approximately TL 113.2 billion during the same period in 2015. During the period from January – March in 2016, the central government consolidated budget surplus was approximately TL 46 million, compared to a central government consolidated budget surplus of approximately TL 5.4 billion during the same period in 2015.

During the period from January – March in 2016, the central government consolidated budget primary surplus reached approximately TL 16.5 billion, compared to the central government consolidated budget primary surplus of approximately TL 12.7 billion during the same period in 2015.

In March 2016, the central government consolidated budget expenditures were approximately TL 46.8 billion and the central government consolidated budget revenues were approximately TL 40.3 billion, compared to central government consolidated budget expenditures of approximately TL 39.8 billion and central government consolidated budget revenues of approximately TL 32.9 billion during the same period in 2015.

In March 2016, the central government consolidated budget deficit was approximately TL 6.6 billion, compared to a central government consolidated budget deficit of approximately TL 6.8 billion during the same period in 2015.

In March 2016, the central government consolidated budget primary surplus reached approximately TL160 million, compared to a central government consolidated budget primary deficit of approximately TL 655 million during the same period in 2015.

The following table sets forth the details of the central government budget for the period from January - March 2016 and for March 2016.

	<u> January –</u>	<u>March</u>
	<b>March 2016</b>	<u>2016</u>
Central Government Budget (Thousand TL)	(cumulative)	
Budget Expenditures	131,667,352	46,838,355
1-Excluding Interest	115,201,196	40,109,354
Compensation of Employees	38,672,200	12,032,952
Social Security Contributions	6,555,241	1,983,989
Purchase of Goods and Services	9,227,695	3,883,148
Current Transfers	54,233,615	19,593,110
Capital Expenditures	3,264,375	1,764,165
Capital Transfers	669,687	202,648
Lending	2,578,383	649,342
2-Interest	16,466,156	6,729,001
Budget Revenues	131,713,669	40,269,377
1-General Budget Revenues	126,234,487	38,550,626
Taxes	108,543,286	30,496,694
Property Income	2,177,075	700,916
Grants and Aids and Special Revenues	1,239,141	602,761
Interest, Shares and Fines	7,773,540	2,557,498
Capital Revenues	6,452,636	4,180,781
Collections from Loans	48,809	11,976
2-Special Budget Institutions	3,776,994	1,483,260
3-Regularity & Supervisory Institutions	1,702,188	235,491
Budget Balance	46,317	-6,568,978
Balance Excluding Interest	16,512,473	160,023

Source: Ministry of Finance

According to the Constitution, the budget law should be submitted to the Parliament at least 75 days prior to the year end. Moreover, the budget law (either provisional or not) should be enacted before the beginning of the fiscal year. However, due to the busy election calendar, the Parliament was not able to negotiate the budget in 2015. Under these circumstances, according to article 19 of the Law 5018 named Public Management and Control, a provisional budget should be enacted. The provisional budget, which covered the period between January 1, 2016 and March 31, 2016, was approved by the Parliament and published in the Official Gazette on December 23, 2015.

Following Parliamentary negotiations that took place in January and February of 2016, the final 2016 Budget Law was approved on March 9, 2016 and published in the Official Gazette on March 16, 2016.

#### **PRIVATIZATION**

The Republic's plans for privatization include, among others, the remaining shares of Turk Telekom A.S., Turk Hava Yollari A.O., electricity generators/distributors, bridges and ports, toll roads, Halkbank, and the national lottery.

In 2015, the privatization implementations of Turkey amounted to an aggregate U.S.\$2 billion in value. In 2016, the privatization implementations of Turkey amounted to U.S.\$208.6 million in value as of April 22, 2016. The following table sets out a summary of the most significant privatization implementations completed in 2015-2016:

Name of The Company or Asset	<u>Date of</u> <u>Privatization</u>	Amount (US Dollar)
TCDD—Derince Port.	2/25/2015	543,000,000
SEAŞ—Soma B Thermal Power Plants and immovable fixed assets of this Plant	6/22/2015	685,500,000
EÜAŞ — Orhaneli ve Tunçbilek Thermal Power Plants and immovable fixed assets of BLİ	6/22/2015	521,000,000
EÜAŞ — Manavgat Hydroelectric Power Plant and its immovable fixed assets	4/4/2016	131,219,633

Note: Only privatizations worth U.S.\$100 million or more are listed above

Total privatization proceeds realized by the Turkish Privatization Administration (PA) since 1985 amounted to U.S.\$67.13 billion as of April 22, 2016.

#### **DEBT**

On January 29, 2016, the Treasury revised the 2016 financing program based on the new medium-term program projections. According to the revised program, the total amount of debt service is projected to be TL 120.4 billion, comprising the payments of TL 70.9 billion in principal and TL 49.5 billion in interest. Total domestic debt service is expected to be TL 94.0 billion while total external debt service is expected to be TL 26.5 billion.

On the external financing front, the Treasury announced that up to U.S. \$4.5 billion equivalent external financing is planned in 2016 through bond and lease certificate issuances in international markets and the total amount of external financing is planned to reach at most U.S. \$5.5 billion, with the inclusion of project and program loans from the World Bank, European Investment Bank and other international financial institutions.

The Central Government's total domestic debt stock was approximately TL 448.2 billion as of the end of March 2016, compared to approximately TL 423.2 billion as of the end of March 2015. In March 2016, the average maturity of the Republic's domestic cash borrowing was 83.1 months, as compared to 87.7months in March 2015. The average annual interest rate on domestic cash borrowing in local currency (including discounted treasury bills/government bonds) on a compounded basis was 10.56% in March 2016, compared to 7.87% in March 2015.

In 2015, the Republic's average external borrowing cost for dollar-denominated issuances was approximately 4.7%.

The EU-defined general government debt to GDP ratio in 2015 was 32.9%, compared to 33.5% in 2014.

The total gross outstanding external debt of the Republic was approximately US\$398,038 million (at then-current exchange rates) at the end of 2015. The table below summarizes the gross external debt profile of the Republic (at period end).

Gross External Debt Profile		201	4		2015					
(Million USD)	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		
GROSS EXTERNAL DEBT	389,388	403,518	398,887	402,705	393,144	405,625	407,376	398,038		
SHORT TERM	125,667	131,519	131,445	131,732	128,371	125,984	118,804	102,749		
Public Sector	17,843	18,159	18,934	17,866	18,165	16,924	15,355	14,550		
Central Bank	762	661	417	342	290	270	208	176		
Private Sector	107,062	112,699	112,094	113,524	109,916	108,790	103,241	88,023		
LONG TERM	263,721	271,999	267,442	270,973	264,773	279,641	288,572	295,289		
Public Sector	99,375	101,402	100,130	99,843	95,318	98,903	99,582	98,405		
Central Bank	4,100	3,628	2,527	2,142	1,820	1,708	1,344	1,151		
Private Sector	160,246	166,969	164,786	168,988	167,634	179,030	187,646	195,733		

Source: Undersecretariat of Treasury

#### SUMMARY OF KEY ECONOMIC INDICATORS

The following table summarizes the key economic indicators of Turkey for the periods indicated:

_	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Nominal GDP (billion TL)	1,099	1,298	1,417	1,567	1,748	1,954
Real GDP Growth (%)	9.2	8.8	2.1	4.2	3.0	4.0
Unemployment (%)	11.2	9.2	8.4	9.1	9.9	10.3
Consumer Price Index (%)	6.40	10.45	6.16	7.40	8.17	8.81
Domestic Manufacturing Producer Price Index (%)	6.02	13.3	5.5	4.5	11.4	5.9
Current Account Deficit (million USD)	44,616	74,402	47,961	63,608	43,552	32,141
Public Sector Budget Primary Balance /GDP (%)	0.7	1.8	0.8	1	0.6	0.8*
Central Government External Debt Stock (million USD)	78,085	79,184	81,710	85,663	85,162	81,685
Public Sector Borrowing Requirement/GDP (%)	2.4	0.1	1	0.5	0.6	0*

Source: TURKSTAT, CBRT, Treasury

In 2015, growth was mainly driven by the increase in domestic demand. External demand's contribution to growth in 2015 was negative. The unemployment rate in 2015 increased due to the rise in labor force participation. Inflation in 2015 increased due mainly to increases in food prices and unfavorable exchange rates. The current account deficit in 2015 improved due mainly to the decline in oil and commodity prices. The current account is mainly financed through long-term sources and direct capital investments. Domestic debt security yields increased primarily because of the overall increase in global rates and tight liquidity conditions in 2015.

<sup>\* 2016-2018</sup> Medium Term Program Target

#### **DESCRIPTION OF THE NOTES**

The notes will be issued pursuant to and will be subject to the fiscal agency agreement. The Republic has appointed a registrar, paying agent and transfer agent in accordance with the fiscal agency agreement.

The following description and the description in the accompanying prospectus contain a summary of the material provisions of the notes and the fiscal agency agreement. The Republic has filed a copy of the fiscal agency agreement and the form of notes with the SEC and at the office of the fiscal agent in New York City.

#### **General Terms of the Notes**

#### The notes:

- will be issued in an aggregate principal amount of \$1,500,000,000.
- will mature at par on February 17, 2045.
- will bear interest at 6.625% per annum from February 17, 2016.
- will pay interest semi-annually in arrears in equal installments, on the basis of a 360-day year, consisting of twelve 30-day months, on February 17 and August 17 of each year, commencing on August 17, 2016 to be paid to the person in whose name the note is registered at the close of business on the preceding February 2 or August 2.
- the yield of the notes will be 5.40% per annum.
- will be a further issuance of, will be fully fungible with, rank equally with, and form a single issue and series with, our \$1,500,000,000 6.625% Notes due February 17, 2045 which were issued on February 19, 2014. The total principal amount of the previously issued notes and the notes now being issued will be \$3,000,000,000.
- will be designated "Collective Action Securities" as described in the accompanying prospectus.
- upon issuance, will be direct, unconditional and general obligations of the Republic and will rank equally with our other external debt denominated in currencies other than Turkish Lira which is (i) payable to a person or entity not resident in Turkey and (ii) not owing to a Turkish citizen. See "Debt Securities Status of the Debt Securities" and "Debt Securities Negative Pledge" in the accompanying prospectus.
- will be recorded on, and transferred through, the records maintained by DTC and its direct and indirect participants, including Euroclear and Clearstream Banking Luxembourg.
- will be issued in fully registered form, without coupons, registered in the names of investors or their nominees in denominations of \$200,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.
- will only be available in definitive form under certain limited circumstances.

The notes will contain provisions regarding acceleration and voting on amendments, modifications, changes and waivers that differ from those applicable to certain other series of U.S. dollar denominated debt securities issued by the Republic and described in the accompanying prospectus. These provisions are commonly referred to as "collective action clauses." Under these provisions, the Republic may amend certain key terms of the notes, including the maturity date, interest rate and other payment terms, with the consent of the holders of not less than 75% of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding notes of the series, voting as a single class. Additionally, if an event of default has occurred and is continuing, the notes may be declared to be due and payable immediately by holders of not less than 25% of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding notes of the series, voting as a single class. Those provisions are described in the sections entitled "— Default; Acceleration of Maturity" and "— Amendments and Waivers" in this

prospectus supplement and "Debt Securities — Collective Action Securities Issued Prior to January 1, 2015" in the accompanying prospectus.

#### **Payments of Principal and Interest**

The Republic will make payments of principal and interest on the notes in U.S. dollars through the fiscal agent to DTC, which will receive the funds for distribution to the beneficial holders of the notes. The Republic expects that holders of the notes will be paid in accordance with the procedures of DTC and its direct and indirect participants.

# **Payment of Additional Amounts**

In addition to the disclosure set forth under "Payment of Additional Amounts" on pages 8 and 9 of the accompanying prospectus, with respect to any taxes of whatsoever nature imposed, levied, withheld, or assessed by or within Turkey or any authority of or within Turkey, Turkey shall not pay any additional amounts to a holder who is able to avoid such Taxes by making a declaration of non-residence or other similar claim for exemption to the relevant tax authority.

#### **Default; Acceleration of Maturity**

Any of the following events will be an event of default with respect to the notes:

- (a) the Republic fails to pay, when due, principal of (and premium, if any, on), or interest on, the notes and such failure continues for a period of 30 days; or
- (b) the Republic defaults in the performance or observance of or compliance with any of its other obligations set forth in the notes which default is not remedied within 60 days after written notice of such default shall have been given to the Republic by the holder of the notes at the corporate trust office of the fiscal agent in New York City; or
- (c) any other present or future external indebtedness of the Republic for or in respect of moneys borrowed or raised in an amount in the aggregate of not less than US\$40,000,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies or composite currency units) becomes due and payable prior to its stated maturity otherwise than at the option of the Republic or any such amount of external indebtedness is not paid, when due, (in accordance with any extension granted in any modification, consent or waiver by the holders of such external indebtedness) or, as the case may be, within any applicable grace period; or
- (d) the Republic ceases to be a member of the IMF or of any successor (whether corporate or not) that performs the functions of, or functions similar to, the IMF; or
  - (e) the Republic announces its inability to pay its debts as they mature; or
  - (f) it becomes unlawful for the Republic to perform or comply with any of its payment obligations under any notes.

If an event of default described above occurs and is continuing, the holders of at least 25% of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding notes may, by notice to the fiscal agent, declare all the notes to be due and payable immediately. Holders of notes may exercise these rights only by providing a written demand to the Republic at the office of the fiscal agent at a time when the event of default is continuing.

Upon any declaration of acceleration, the principal, interest and all other amounts payable on the notes will be immediately due and payable on the date the Republic receives written notice of the declaration, unless the Republic has remedied the event or events of default prior to receiving the notice. The holders of  $66^2/_3\%$  or more of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding notes may rescind a declaration of acceleration if the event or events of default giving rise to the declaration have been cured or waived.

# **Fiscal Agent**

The fiscal agency agreement contains provisions relating to the obligations and duties of the fiscal agent, to the indemnification of the fiscal agent and to the fiscal agent's relief from responsibility for actions that it takes.

#### Paying Agents; Transfer Agents; Registrar

The Republic has initially appointed The Bank of New York Mellon as paying agent, transfer agent and registrar. The Republic may at any time appoint new paying agents, transfer agents and registrars. The Republic, however, will at all times maintain:

- a principal paying agent in New York City, and
- a registrar in New York City or another office as designated by the fiscal agent.

In addition, so long as notes are listed on the Official List of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and admitted to trading on the Regulated Market "Bourse de Luxembourg" of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and the rules of such stock exchange so require, the Republic will maintain a paying agent in Luxembourg. The Republic has initially appointed KBL European Private Bankers S.A. to serve as its paying agent in Luxembourg.

The Republic will not appoint a transfer agent in Luxembourg until such time, if any, as the notes are listed on the Official List of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and definitive notes are issued. Upon the issuance of definitive notes, the Republic will appoint a transfer agent located in Luxembourg. The holder may transfer a note in definitive form when the note is presented at the specified offices of the registrar or the transfer agent, together with any other evidence that they may require. In the case of a transfer of part of a note, the registrar or transfer agent will issue a new note in definitive form to the transferee and a second note in respect of the balance of the note to the transferor.

#### **Definitive Notes**

The Republic will issue notes in definitive form only if DTC is unwilling or unable to continue as depositary, is ineligible to act as depositary, or ceases to be a "clearing agency" registered under Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Payments will be made on any definitive notes at the global trust services office of the fiscal agent in New York City or the paying agent in Luxembourg. You will not be charged a fee for the registration of transfers or exchanges of definitive notes. You may transfer any definitive registered note, according to the procedures in the fiscal agency agreement, by presenting and surrendering it at the office of any transfer agent. The fiscal agent will exchange without charge definitive notes of the same series of authorized denominations of like tenor as the portion of the global note submitted for exchange.

The Republic will replace any mutilated, destroyed, stolen or lost note or coupon at your expense upon delivery to the fiscal agent or the transfer agent in Luxembourg of the note or coupon or evidence of its destruction, loss or theft satisfactory to the Republic and the fiscal agent, who may also require an indemnity at your expense.

#### **Notices**

Notices will be sent to DTC, or its nominee, as the holder thereof, and DTC will communicate these notices to DTC participants in accordance with its standard procedures.

If and for so long as the notes are listed on the Official List of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange, the Republic will also publish notices to the holders of the notes in a leading newspaper having general circulation in Luxembourg. The Republic expects that it will initially make such publication in the *Luxemburger Wort*. Notices can also be published on the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange which is http://www.bourse.lu.

The Republic will cause notice of any resignation, termination or appointment of any paying agent or transfer agent or the fiscal agent and of any change in the office through which such agent will act to be given as provided under this subsection.

#### Further Issues of the Notes

From time to time, without the consent of holders of the notes, and subject to the required approvals under Turkish law, the Republic may create and issue additional debt securities with the same terms and conditions as those of the notes (or the same except for the amount of the first interest payment and the issue price), *provided* that such additional debt securities do not have, for purposes of U.S. federal income taxation (regardless of whether any holders of such debt securities are subject to the U.S. federal tax laws), a greater amount of original issue discount than the notes have as of the date of issuance of such additional debt securities. The Republic may also consolidate the additional debt securities to form a single series with the outstanding notes.

#### **Amendments and Waivers**

The Republic, the fiscal agent and the holders may generally modify or take actions with respect to the fiscal agency agreement or the terms of the notes with:

- the affirmative vote of the holders of not less than 66% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding notes of the series, voting as a single class, that are represented at a duly called and held meeting; or
- the written consent of the holders of 66% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding notes of the series, voting as a single class.

However, the holders of not less than 75% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding notes of the series, voting as a single class, voting at a meeting or by written consent, must consent to any amendment, modification, change or waiver with respect to the notes that would:

- change the due date for the payment of the principal of, or any installment of interest on, the notes;
- reduce the principal amount of the notes;
- reduce the portion of the principal amount that is payable in the event of an acceleration of the maturity of the notes;
- reduce the interest rate of the notes;
- change the currency in which any amount in respect of the notes is payable or exclude the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York, as a required place at which payment with respect to interest, premium or principal is payable;
- shorten the period during which the Republic is not permitted to redeem the notes if, prior to such action, the Republic is not permitted to do so;
- change the Republic's obligation to pay any additional amounts under the notes;
- change the definition of "outstanding" with respect to the notes;
- change the governing law provision of the notes;
- change the Republic's appointment of an agent for the service of process in the United States or the Republic's agreement not to claim and to waive irrevocably immunity (sovereign or otherwise) in respect of any suit, action or proceeding arising out of or relating to the fiscal agency agreement or to the notes;
- change the status of the notes, as described under "Debt Securities Status of the Debt Securities" in the prospectus;
- in connection with an offer to acquire all or any portion of the notes, amend any event of default under the notes; or
- reduce the proportion of the principal amount of the notes that is required;

- to modify, amend or supplement the fiscal agency agreement or the terms and conditions of the notes; or
- to make, take or give any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action.

The Republic refers to the above subjects as "reserved matters". A change to a reserved matter, including the payment terms of the notes, can be made without your consent, as long as a supermajority of the holders (that is, the holders of at least 75% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding notes of the series, voting as a single class) agrees to the change.

If both the Republic and the fiscal agent agree, they may, without your consent, modify, amend or supplement the fiscal agency agreement or the notes for the purpose of:

- adding to the covenants of the Republic for the benefit of the holders of the notes;
- surrendering any right or power conferred upon the Republic;
- securing the notes pursuant to the requirements of the notes or otherwise;
- curing any ambiguity or curing, correcting or supplementing any defective provision contained in the fiscal agency agreement or in the notes; or
- amending the fiscal agency agreement or the notes in any manner which the Republic and the fiscal agent may determine and that is not inconsistent with and does not adversely affect the interest of any holder of notes.

Any modification, amendment or supplement approved in the manner described in this section shall be binding on the holders of the notes.

For purposes of determining whether the required percentage of holders of notes is present at a meeting of holders for quorum purposes or has approved any amendment, modification or change to, or waiver of, the notes or the fiscal agency agreement, or whether the required percentage of holders has delivered a notice of acceleration, notes owned, directly or indirectly, by or on behalf of the Republic or any public sector instrumentality of the Republic will be disregarded and deemed not to be "outstanding", except that in determining whether the fiscal agent shall be protected in relying upon any amendment, modification, change or waiver, or any notice from holders, only notes that the fiscal agent knows to be so owned shall be so disregarded. As used in this paragraph, "public sector instrumentality" means the Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey, any department, ministry or agency of the federal government of the Republic or any corporation, trust, financial institution or other entity owned or controlled by the federal government of the Republic or any of the foregoing, and "control" means the power, directly or indirectly, through the ownership of voting securities or other ownership interests, to direct the management of or elect or appoint a majority of the board of directors or other persons performing similar functions in lieu of, or in addition to, the board of directors of a corporation, trust, financial institution or other entity.

Please refer to the section entitled "Debt Securities — Collective Action Securities Issued Prior to January 1, 2015 — Meetings" in the accompanying prospectus for information on the procedures for convening and conducting meetings of the holders of the notes.

# **Governing Law**

The notes will be governed by the laws of the State of New York, except with respect to the authorization and execution of the notes, which will be governed by the laws of the Republic of Turkey.

# Purchase of Notes by the Republic

The Republic may at any time purchase any of the notes in any manner and at any price. If purchases are made by tender, tenders must be available to all holders of the notes alike. All notes that are purchased by or on behalf of the Republic may be held by the Republic or surrendered to the fiscal agent for cancellation, but may not be resold.

#### **General Information**

- 1. The Republic has full power and authority to issue securities, such as the notes, outside Turkey for any and all purposes, under Article 4 and Article 7 of the Law of the Republic Regarding the Regulation of Public Finance and Debt Management (Law No. 4749).
- 2. The Republic is applying to list the notes on the Official List and trade the notes on the Regulated Market "Bourse de Luxembourg" of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange in accordance with its rules. The total fees and expenses in connection with the admission of the notes to trading on the Regulated Market are expected to be approximately EUR 5,600.
- 3. The notes have been accepted for clearance through DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream Banking Luxembourg (ISIN No. US900123CG37; CUSIP No. 900123 CG3; Common Code 103497795). The address of DTC is 570 Washington Blvd., Jersey City, NJ 07310, United States of America. The address of Euroclear is Boulevard du Roi Albert II, B —1210 Brussels. The address of Clearstream Banking Luxembourg is 42 Avenue JF Kennedy L-1855 Luxembourg.
  - 4. There are no interests of any natural or legal persons, including conflicting interests, that are material to the issue of the notes.
- 5. The Republic has obtained all necessary consents, approvals and authorizations in the Republic of Turkey in connection with the issue and performance of the notes. The issue of the notes was authorized, pursuant to the provisions of Articles 4 and 7 of the Law Regarding the Regulation of Public Finance and Debt Management of The Republic (Law No. 4749).
- 6. The address of the Republic is: The Undersecretariat of Treasury of the Republic Prime Ministry, Ismet Inonu Bulvari, No. 36, 06510 Emek, Ankara, Turkey. The telephone number is: +90 312 204 7364.
- 7. Save as disclosed on pages S-17 through S-31 of this prospectus supplement and on pages 107-128, and 167-177 in the Annual Report of the Republic on the Form 18-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014, as filed with the SEC on September 21, 2015, as amended by Amendment No. 1 to Turkey's Annual Report on Form 18 K/A, filed on December 14, 2015 and Amendment No. 2 to Turkey's Annual Report on Form 18 K/A, filed on January 19, 2016 (the "Annual Report for 2014"), since December 31, 2014 there have been no significant changes relating to public finance and trade.
- 8. Turkey will irrevocably waive, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any immunity, including foreign sovereign immunity, from jurisdiction to which it might otherwise be entitled in any action arising out of or based on the debt securities which may be instituted by the holder of any debt securities in any state or federal court in the City of New York or in any competent court in Turkey. Turkey's waiver of immunity does not extend to actions under the United States federal securities laws or state securities laws.

According to Article 82.1 of the Execution and Bankruptcy Law of Turkey (Law No. 2004) published in The Official Gazette (No. 2128) on June 19, 1932, assets and properties of Turkey are immune from attachment or other forms of execution, whether before or after judgment. The United States Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act of 1976, as amended, may also provide a means for limited execution upon any property of Turkey that is related to the service and administration of the debt securities. See "Debt Securities — Governing Law and Consent to Service" in the accompanying prospectus.

9. The information contained in the Annual Report for 2014, as amended by Amendment No. 1 to Turkey's Annual Report on Form 18 K/A, filed on December 14, 2015 and Amendment No. 2 to Turkey's Annual Report on Form 18 K/A, filed on January 19, 2016, which contains the economic, financial and statistical information for fiscal years ended December 31, 2014, December 31, 2013, December 31, 2012, December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010, shall be deemed to be incorporated in, and to form part of, this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus.

The information included in the 'Recent Developments and Overview' section of this Prospectus Supplement supplements the information contained in the Republic's Annual Report for 2014, as amended from time to time. To the extent that the information in the 'Recent Developments and Overview' section is inconsistent with the information contained in the Annual Report for 2014, the information in the 'Recent Developments and Overview' section supersedes and replaces such information.

- 10. So long as the notes are listed on the Official List of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and the rules of the exchange so require, copies of the following documents may be inspected at the registered office of the paying agent in Luxembourg:
  - (a) the latest available annual report of the Republic on the Form 18-K filed with the SEC with economic, financial and statistical information for the five preceding years;
    - (b) the amendments to the latest available annual report of the Republic of the Form 18-K/A filed with the SEC;
  - (c) copies of the following contractual documents: the Fiscal Agency Agreement, the Underwriting Agreement and the notes; and
    - (d) the budget of the Republic for the current fiscal year.
- 11. Save as disclosed on pages S-15 and S-16 of this prospectus supplement, the Republic has not been involved in any governmental, legal or arbitration proceedings (including any such proceedings which are pending or threatened of which the Republic is aware) during the 12 months preceding the date of this prospectus supplement which may have, or have had in the recent past, significant effects on the financial position of the Republic.
- 12. The Notes are expected to be rated Baa3 by Moody's and BBB- by Fitch, and the Republic is rated by Moody's, Standard and Poor's and Fitch. Each of Moody's, Standard and Poor's and Fitch is established in the European Economic Area and registered under Regulation (EU) No. 1060/2009, as amended (the "CRA Regulation"), and are, as of the date of this prospectus supplement, included in the list of credit rating agencies published by the European Securities and Markets Authority on its website (http://www.esma.europa.eu/page/List-registered-and-certified-CRAs) in accordance with the CRA Regulation.

The prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus including the documents containing the information incorporated by reference will be published on the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange which is http://www.bourse.lu.

#### GLOBAL CLEARANCE AND SETTLEMENT

The Republic has obtained the information in this section from sources it believes to be reliable, including from DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream Banking Luxembourg, but the Republic takes no responsibility for the accuracy of this information. DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream Banking Luxembourg are under no obligation to perform or continue to perform the procedures described below, and they may modify or discontinue them at any time. Neither the Republic nor the registrar will be responsible for DTC's, Euroclear's or Clearstream Banking Luxembourg's performance of their obligations under their rules and procedures; nor will the Republic or the registrar be responsible for the performance by direct or indirect participants of their obligations under their rules and procedures.

#### Introduction

#### The Depository Trust Company

#### DTC is:

- A limited-purpose trust company organized within the meaning of the New York Banking Law;
- a "banking organization" under the New York Banking Law;
- a member of the Federal Reserve System;
- a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code; and
- a "clearing agency" registered under Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

DTC was created to hold securities for its participants and facilitate the clearance and settlement of securities transactions between its participants. It does this through electronic book-entry changes in the accounts of its direct participants, eliminating the need for physical movement of securities certificates. DTC is owned by a number of its direct participants and by the New York Stock Exchange, Inc., the NASDAQ, the American Stock Exchange and the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.

According to DTC, the foregoing information about DTC has been provided to the Republic for informational purposes only and is not a representation, warranty or contract modification of any kind.

#### Euroclear and Clearstream Banking Luxembourg

Like DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream Banking Luxembourg hold securities for their participants and facilitate the clearance and settlement of securities transactions between their participants through electronic book-entry changes in their accounts. Euroclear and Clearstream Banking Luxembourg provide various services to their participants, including the safekeeping, administration, clearance and settlement and lending and borrowing of internationally traded securities. Euroclear and Clearstream Banking Luxembourg participants are financial institutions such as the underwriters, securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies and other organizations. The underwriters are participants in Euroclear or Clearstream Banking Luxembourg. Other banks, brokers, dealers and trust companies have indirect access to Euroclear or Clearstream Banking Luxembourg by clearing through or maintaining a custodial relationship with Euroclear or Clearstream Banking Luxembourg participants.

# Ownership of notes through DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream Banking Luxembourg

The Republic will issue the notes in the form of a fully registered book-entry security, registered in the name of Cede & Co., a nominee of DTC. Financial institutions, acting as direct and indirect participants in DTC, will represent your beneficial interests in the book-entry security. These financial institutions will record the ownership and transfer of your beneficial interests through book-entry accounts.

You may hold your beneficial interests in the book-entry security through Euroclear or Clearstream Banking Luxembourg, if you are a participant in such systems, or indirectly through organizations that are participants in such systems. Euroclear and Clearstream Banking Luxembourg will hold their participants' beneficial interests in the book-entry security in their customers' securities accounts with their depositaries.

These depositaries of Euroclear and Clearstream Banking Luxembourg in turn will hold such interests in their customers' securities accounts with DTC.

The Republic and the fiscal agent generally will treat the registered holder of the notes, initially Cede & Co., as the absolute owner of the notes for all purposes. Once the Republic and the fiscal agent make payments to the appropriate clearing system, the Republic and the fiscal agent will no longer be liable on the notes for the amounts so paid. Accordingly, if you own a beneficial interest in the book-entry security, you must rely on the procedures of the institutions through which you hold your interests in the book-entry security (including DTC, Euroclear, Clearstream Banking Luxembourg, and their participants) to exercise any of the rights granted to the holder of the book-entry security. Under existing industry practice, if you desire to take any action that Cede & Co., as the holder of such book-entry security, is entitled to take, then Cede & Co. would authorize the DTC participant through which you own your beneficial interest to take such action, and that DTC participant would then either authorize you to take the action or act for you on your instructions.

DTC may grant proxies or authorize its participants (or persons holding beneficial interests in the notes through such participants) to exercise any rights of a holder or take any other actions that a holder is entitled to take under the fiscal agency agreement or the notes. Euroclear's or Clearstream Banking Luxembourg's ability to take actions as a holder under the notes or the fiscal agency agreement will be limited by the ability of their respective depositaries to carry out such actions for them through DTC. Euroclear and Clearstream Banking Luxembourg will take such actions only in accordance with their respective rules and procedures.

The fiscal agent will not charge you any fees for the notes, other than reasonable fees for the replacement of lost, stolen, mutilated or destroyed notes. However, you may incur fees for the maintenance and operation of the book-entry accounts with the clearing systems in which your beneficial interests are held.

The laws of some states require certain purchasers of securities to take physical delivery of the securities in definitive form. These laws may impair your ability to transfer beneficial interests in the notes to such purchasers. DTC can act only on behalf of its direct participants, who in turn act on behalf of indirect participants and certain banks. Thus, your ability to pledge a beneficial interest in the notes to persons that do not participate in the DTC system, and to take other actions, may be limited because you will not possess a physical certificate that represents your interest.

#### Transfers Within and Between DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream Banking Luxembourg

#### Trading Between DTC Purchasers and Sellers

DTC participants will transfer interests in the notes among themselves in the ordinary way according to DTC rules. DTC participants will pay for such transfers by wire transfer.

#### Trading Between Euroclear and/or Clearstream Banking Luxembourg Participants

Participants in Euroclear and Clearstream Banking Luxembourg will transfer interests in the notes among themselves in the ordinary way according to the rules and operating procedures of Euroclear and Clearstream Banking Luxembourg.

#### Trading Between a DTC Seller and a Euroclear or Clearstream Banking Luxembourg Purchaser

When the notes are to be transferred from the account of a DTC participant to the account of a Euroclear or Clearstream Banking Luxembourg participant, the purchaser must first send instructions to Euroclear or Clearstream Banking Luxembourg through a participant at least one business day prior to the settlement date. Euroclear or Clearstream Banking Luxembourg will then instruct its depositary to receive the notes and make payment for them. On the settlement date, the depositary will make payment to the DTC participant's account and the notes will be credited to the depositary's account. After settlement has been completed, DTC will credit

the notes to Euroclear or Clearstream Banking Luxembourg, Euroclear or Clearstream Banking Luxembourg will credit the notes, in accordance with its usual procedures, to the participant's account, and the participant will then credit the purchaser's account. These securities credits will appear the next day (European time) after the settlement date. The cash debit from Euroclear's or Clearstream Banking Luxembourg's account will be back-valued to the value date (which will be the preceding day if settlement occurs in New York). If settlement is not completed on the intended value date (i.e., the trade fails), the cash debit will instead be valued at the actual settlement date.

Participants in Euroclear and Clearstream Banking Luxembourg will need to make funds available to Euroclear or Clearstream Banking Luxembourg in order to pay for the notes by wire transfer on the value date. The most direct way of doing this is to preposition funds (*i.e.*, have funds in place at Euroclear or Clearstream Banking Luxembourg before the value date), either from cash on hand or existing lines of credit. Under this approach, however, participants may take on credit exposure to Euroclear and Clearstream Banking Luxembourg until the notes are credited to their accounts one day later.

As an alternative, if Euroclear or Clearstream Banking Luxembourg has extended a line of credit to a participant, the participant may decide not to pre-position funds, but to allow Euroclear or Clearstream Banking Luxembourg to draw on the line of credit to finance settlement for the notes. Under this procedure, Euroclear or Clearstream Banking Luxembourg would charge the participant overdraft charges for one day, assuming that the overdraft would be cleared when the notes were credited to the participant's account. However, interest on the notes would accrue from the value date. Therefore, in many cases the interest income on notes which the participant earns during that one-day period will substantially reduce or offset the amount of the participant's overdraft charges. Of course, this result will depend on the cost of funds (*i.e.*, the interest rate that Euroclear or Clearstream Banking Luxembourg charges) to each participant.

Since the settlement will occur during New York business hours, a DTC participant selling an interest in the notes can use its usual procedures for transferring notes to the depositaries of Euroclear or Clearstream Banking Luxembourg for the benefit of Euroclear or Clearstream Banking Luxembourg participants. The DTC seller will receive the sale proceeds on the settlement date. Thus, to the DTC seller, a cross-market sale will settle no differently than a trade between two DTC participants.

#### Trading Between a Euroclear or Clearstream Banking Luxembourg Seller and DTC Purchaser

Due to time zone differences in their favor, Euroclear and Clearstream Banking Luxembourg participants can use their usual procedures to transfer notes through their depositaries to a DTC participant. The seller must first send instructions to Euroclear or Clearstream Banking Luxembourg through a participant at least one business day prior to the settlement date. Euroclear or Clearstream Banking Luxembourg will then instruct its depositary to credit the notes to the DTC participant's account and receive payment. The payment will be credited in the account of the Euroclear or Clearstream Banking Luxembourg participant on the following day, but the receipt of the cash proceeds will be back-valued to the value date (which will be the preceding day if the settlement occurs in New York). If settlement is not completed on the intended value date (i.e., the trade fails), the receipt of the cash proceeds will instead be valued at the actual settlement date.

If the Euroclear or Clearstream Banking Luxembourg participant selling the notes has a line of credit with Euroclear or Clearstream Banking Luxembourg and elects to be in debit for the notes until it receives the sale proceeds in its account, then the back-valuation may substantially reduce or offset any overdraft charges that the participant incurs over that one-day period.

Finally, a day trader that uses Euroclear or Clearstream Banking Luxembourg and that purchases notes from a DTC participant for credit to a Euroclear or Clearstream Banking Luxembourg accountholder should note that these trades would automatically fail on the sale side unless affirmative action were taken. At least three techniques should be readily available to eliminate this potential problem:

- (a) borrowing through Euroclear or Clearstream Banking Luxembourg for one day (until the purchase side of the day trade is reflected in its Euroclear or Clearstream Banking Luxembourg account) in accordance with the clearing system's customary procedures;
- (b) borrowing the notes in the United States from a DTC participant no later than one day prior to settlement, which would give the notes sufficient time to be reflected in the borrower's Euroclear or Clearstream Banking Luxembourg account in order to settle the sale side of the trade; or

(c) staggering the value dates for the buy and sell sides of the trade so that the value date for the purchase from the DTC participant is at least one day prior to the value date for the sale to the Euroclear or Clearstream Banking Luxembourg accountholder.

#### **TAXATION**

#### **United States**

The following discussion describes the material U.S. federal income tax consequences of your purchase, ownership and disposition of a note. This discussion assumes that you (i) hold the note as a capital asset (generally, asset held for investment), (ii) were the initial purchaser of that note, and (iii) acquired the note at its issue price. This discussion also assumes that you are not subject to any special U.S. federal income tax rules, including, among others, the special tax rules applicable to:

- dealers in securities or currencies;
- securities traders using a mark-to-market accounting method;
- banks or life insurance companies;
- persons subject to the alternative minimum tax;
- persons that do not use the U.S. dollar as their functional currency; or
- tax-exempt organizations.

Finally, this discussion assumes that you are not using a note as part of a more complex transaction, such as a "straddle" or a hedging transaction. If any of these assumptions are not correct in your case, the purchase, ownership or disposition of a note may have U.S. federal income tax consequences for you that differ from, or are not covered in, this discussion.

This discussion does not cover any state or local tax issues, nor does it cover issues under the U.S. federal estate or gift tax laws. The discussion is based on the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and the regulations, rulings and judicial decisions interpreting the Code as of the date that this prospectus supplement was issued. These authorities may be repealed, revoked or modified, possibly retroactively, so the discussion below might not be reliable in the future. Turkey has not sought any ruling from the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") with respect to the statements made and the conclusions reached in this discussion, and there can be no assurance that the IRS will agree with all of such statements and conclusions.

If a partnership (including any entity classified as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes) is a beneficial owner of a note, the tax treatment of a partner in that partnership generally will depend on the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. Holders of notes that are partnerships and partners in those partnerships should consult their own tax advisor regarding the U.S. federal income tax consequences of purchase, ownership and disposition of the notes.

You should consult your own tax advisor concerning the federal, state, local, and other tax consequences to you of the purchase, ownership or disposition of a note.

#### U.S. Holders

This section applies to you if you are a "U.S. Holder," meaning that you are the beneficial owner of a note and you are:

- an individual citizen or resident of the United States for U.S. federal income tax purposes;
- a corporation created or organized in or under the laws of the United States or any state thereof or the District of Columbia;
- an estate whose income is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of its source;
- a trust (A) if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary jurisdiction over your administration and one or more "United States persons" as defined in the Code (each a "U.S. Person") have authority to control all your substantial decisions,

or (B) that was in existence on August 20, 1996 and has made a valid election under U.S. Treasury regulations to be treated as a domestic trust; or

• a partnership, but only with respect to partners that are U.S. Holders under any of the foregoing clauses.

Payments of Interest. Payments or accruals of stated interest on a note generally will be taxable to you as ordinary interest income. If you generally report your taxable income using the accrual method of accounting, you must include payments of interest in your income as they accrue. If you generally report your taxable income using the cash method of accounting, you must include payments of interest in your income when you actually or constructively receive them. However, the first payment of stated interest on a note will not be includable in your income to the extent that it reflects pre-issuance accrued interest, but will instead reduce your adjusted tax basis in your note.

In addition to interest on the notes, you will be required to include any tax withheld from the interest payment as ordinary interest income, even though you did not in fact receive it, and any additional amounts paid in respect of such tax withheld. For purposes of the foreign tax credit provisions of the Code, interest (including any additional amounts) on a note generally will constitute foreign source income and will be categorized as passive or general category income depending on your circumstances.

Original Issue Discount. For U.S. federal income tax purposes, a note will be treated as issued with original issue discount ("OID") if the excess of the "stated redemption price at maturity" of the note over its "issue price" equals or exceeds the "de minimis" amount (generally, 0.25 of one percent of such note's stated redemption price at maturity multiplied by the number of complete years from the issue date to the maturity date). The stated redemption price at maturity equals the sum of all payments due under the notes, other than any payments of "qualified stated interest." A "qualified stated interest" payment generally is a payment of stated interest that is unconditionally payable in cash or property, or that will be constructively received, at least annually during the entire term of the note. The issue price will generally equal the initial public offering price at which a substantial number of notes are issued in a given offering.

You must include in gross income amounts of non-de minimis OID as ordinary interest income on an accrual basis generally under a "constant yield to maturity" method described below (whether you are a cash or accrual basis taxpayer). Generally, OID must be included in income in advance of the receipt of cash representing such income.

The amount of OID on a note that you must include in income during a taxable year is the sum of the "daily portions" of OID for that note. The daily portions are determined by allocating to each day in an "accrual period" (generally the period between compounding dates) a pro rata portion of the OID attributable to that accrual period. The amount of OID attributable to an accrual period is the product of the "adjusted issue price" of the notes at the beginning of the accrual period and its yield to maturity reduced by the sum of the payments of qualified stated interest on the note allocable to the accrual period. The "adjusted issue price" of a note at the beginning of any accrual period is generally equal to the sum of its issue price and all prior accruals of OID. Cash payments on an OID note are allocated first to any stated interest then due, then to previously accrued OID (in the order of accrual) to which cash payments have not yet been allocated, and then to principal.

You generally may make an irrevocable election to include in your income the entire return on an OID note (including payments of qualified stated interest) under the constant yield method applicable to OID.

For purposes of the foreign tax credit provisions of the Code, any OID accrued on a note and included in your income will constitute foreign source income and generally will be classified as "passive category income" (or, in certain cases, as "general category income").

Treatment of Premium. If your basis upon purchase of a note (not taking into account accrued pre-issuance interest) is greater than its principal amount, you will be considered to have purchased the note at a premium. You generally may elect to amortize this premium over the term of the note. If you make this election, the amount of interest income you must report for U.S. federal income tax purposes with respect to any interest payment date will be reduced by the amount of premium allocated to the period from the previous interest payment date to that interest payment date. The amount of premium allocated to any such period is calculated by taking the difference between (i) the stated interest payable on the interest payment date on which that period ends and (ii) the product of (a) the note's overall yield to maturity and (b) your purchase price for the note (reduced by amounts of premium allocated to

previous periods). If you make the election to amortize premium, you must apply it to the note and to all debt instruments acquired at a premium that you hold at the beginning of your taxable year in which you make the election and all debt instruments you subsequently purchase at a premium, unless you obtain the consent of the IRS to a change.

If you do not make the election to amortize premium on a note and you hold the note to maturity, you will have a capital loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes, equal to the amount of the premium, when the note matures. If you do not make the election to amortize premium and you sell or otherwise dispose of the note before maturity, the premium will be included in your "tax basis" in the note as defined below, and therefore will decrease the gain, or increase the loss, that you otherwise would realize on the sale or other disposition of the note.

*Pre-issuance Interest.* If a note is issued with pre-issuance accrued interest, you may treat the note, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, as having been issued for an amount that excludes the pre-issuance accrued interest. In that event, a portion of the first stated interest payment equal to the excluded pre-issuance accrued interest will be treated as a return of such pre-issuance accrued interest and will not be taxable to you or otherwise treated as an amount payable on the note.

Disposition of Notes. If you sell or otherwise dispose of a note, you generally will recognize a gain or loss equal to the difference between your "amount realized" and your "adjusted tax basis" in the note. Your "amount realized" will be the value of what you receive for selling or otherwise disposing of the note, other than amounts that represent interest that is due to you but that has not yet been paid (which will be taxed to you as ordinary interest income). Your "adjusted tax basis" in the note will equal the amount that you paid for the note, increased by the amount of OID (if any) that you have included as income, and decreased (but not below zero) by any amortized premium (as described above) and by any cash payments of principal (if any) that you have received with respect to the note.

Gain or loss from the sale or other disposition of a note generally will be capital gain or loss, and will be long-term capital gain or loss if at the time you sell or dispose of the note, you have held the note for more than one year. Under the current tax law, net capital gains of non-corporate taxpayers may be taxed at lower rates than items of ordinary income. Limitations may apply to your ability to deduct a capital loss. Any capital gains or losses that arise when you sell or dispose of a note generally will be treated as U.S. source income, or loss allocable to U.S. source income, for purposes of the foreign tax credit provisions of the Code. Therefore, you may not be able to claim a credit for any Turkish taxes imposed upon a disposition of a note unless you have other income from foreign sources and other requirements are met.

Medicare Tax. A U.S. Holder that is an individual or estate, or a trust that does not fall into a special class of trusts that is exempt from such tax, will be subject to a 3.8 percent tax on the lesser of (i) the U.S. Holder's "net investment income" (or, in the case of an estate or trust, the "undistributed net investment income") for the relevant taxable year and (ii) the excess of the U.S. Holder's modified adjusted gross income for the taxable year over a certain threshold (which in the case of individuals will be between \$125,000 and \$250,000, depending on the individual's circumstances). A U.S. Holder's net investment income generally will include its interest income and its net gains from the disposition of the notes, unless such interest income or net gains are derived in the ordinary course of the conduct of a trade or business (other than a trade or business that consists of certain passive or trading activities).

Information with Respect to Foreign Financial Assets. Owners of "specified foreign financial assets" with an aggregate value in excess of \$50,000 on the last day of the taxable year, or \$75,000 at any time during the taxable year generally will be required to file information reports with respect to such assets with their U.S. federal income tax returns. Depending on your circumstances, higher threshold amounts may apply. "Specified foreign financial assets" include any financial accounts maintained by foreign financial institutions, as well as any of the following, but only if they are not held in accounts maintained by financial institutions: (i) stocks and securities issued by non-U.S. persons, (ii) financial instruments and contracts held for investment that have non-U.S. issuers or counterparties, and (iii) interests in non-U.S. entities. The notes may be treated as specified foreign financial assets and you may be subject to this information reporting regime. Failure to file information reports may subject you to penalties. You should consult your own tax advisor regarding your obligation to file information reports with respect to the notes.

#### Non-U.S. Holders

This section applies to you if you are a "Non-U.S. Holder," meaning that you are a beneficial owner of a note and are not a "U.S. Holder" as defined above.

"Payments of Interest" Subject to the discussion of backup withholding below, you generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax on interest that you receive on a note unless you are engaged in a trade or business in the United States and the interest on the note is treated for U.S. federal tax purposes as "effectively connected" to that trade or business. If you are engaged in a U.S. trade or business and the interest income is deemed to be effectively connected to that trade or business, you generally will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on that interest in the same manner as if you were a U.S. Holder. In addition, if you are a non-U.S. corporation, your interest income subject to tax in that manner may increase your liability under the U.S. branch profits tax.

*Disposition of Notes.* Subject to the backup withholding discussion below, you generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax or withholding tax for any capital gain that you realize when you sell a note unless:

- that gain is effectively connected for tax purposes to any U.S. trade or business you are engaged in; or
- if you are an individual, you (i) are present in the United States for 183 days or more in the taxable year in which you sell the note or (ii) you have a tax home (as defined in the Code) in the United States in the taxable year in which you sell the note and the gain is attributable to any office or other fixed place of business that you maintain in the United States.

#### Backup Withholding and Information Reporting

If you are a noncorporate U.S. Holder, and unless you prove that you are exempt, information reporting requirements will apply to payments of principal and interest to you if such payments are made within the United States or by or through a custodian or nominee that is a "U.S. Controlled Person," as defined below. Backup withholding will apply to such payments of principal and interest if you fail to (i) provide an accurate taxpayer identification number; (ii) certify that you are not subject to backup withholding; (iii) report all interest and dividend income required to be shown on your U.S. federal income tax returns; or (iv) demonstrate your eligibility for an exemption.

If you are a Non-U.S. Holder, you generally are exempt from these withholding and reporting requirements (assuming that the gain or income is otherwise exempt from U.S. federal income tax), but you may be required to comply with certification and identification procedures in order to prove your exemption. If you hold a note through a foreign partnership, these certification procedures would generally be applied to you as a partner. If you are paid the proceeds of a sale or redemption of a note effected at the U.S. office of a broker, you generally will be subject to the information reporting and backup withholding rules described in the immediately preceding two sentences. In addition, the information reporting rules will apply to payments of proceeds of a sale or redemption effected at a foreign office of a broker that is a "U.S. Controlled Person," as defined below, unless the broker has documentary evidence that the holder or beneficial owner is not a U.S. Holder or the holder or beneficial owner otherwise establishes an exemption. A U.S. Controlled Person is:

- a U.S. Person;
- a controlled foreign corporation for U.S. federal tax purposes;
- a foreign person 50% or more of whose gross income is effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business for tax purposes for a specified three-year period; or
- a foreign partnership in which U.S. Persons hold more than 50% of the income or capital interests or which is engaged in a U.S. trade or business.

Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules from a payment to you generally will be allowed as a refund or a credit against your U.S. federal income tax liability as long as you provide the required information to the IRS in a timely manner.

#### The Republic of Turkey

Article 30 of the Corporation Tax Law of The Republic (Law No. 5520) (the "Corporation Tax Law") (published in the Official Gazette dated June 21, 2006, No. 26205) requires a 15% withholding tax from the interest received under the Notes by the limited tax liability persons, whom are legal entities resident outside the Republic. However, according to Article 30 of the Corporation Tax Law and the Council of Ministers' Decree (Decree No. 2009/14593) (the "Decree No. 2009/14593") (published in the Official Gazette dated February 3, 2009, No. 27130) issued thereunder, the rate of such withholding tax is reduced to 0%.

Article 94 of the Income Tax Law of The Republic (Law No. 193) (the "Income Tax Law") (published in the Official Gazette dated January 6, 1961, No. 10700) requires a 25% withholding tax from the interest received under the Notes by the limited tax liability persons, whom are individuals resident outside the Republic. However, according to Article 94 of the Income Tax Law and the Council of Ministers' Decree (Decree No. 2009/14592) (the "Decree No. 2009/14592") (published in the Official Gazette dated February 3, 2009, No. 27130) issued thereunder, the rate of such withholding tax is reduced to 0%.

There can be no assurance that such rates will continue to be 0%, but in the event to any increase in such rates, the Republic will be obliged to pay additional amounts as specified in Condition 5 of the Terms and Conditions of the Notes.

It should be noted that, according to Article 15(b) of the Law Regarding the Regulation of Public Finance and Debt Management (Law No. 4749) the principal amount of the Notes and the interest thereon on each interest payment date shall be considered part of the consolidated State debt and as a result shall be exempt from any and all Turkish taxes, including withholding tax, and the issuance, delivery and execution of the Notes are also exempt from Turkish stamp tax and, according to Section IV .24 of Table 2 of the Stamp Tax Law (Law No. 488) (as amended), all documents and agreements issued in connection with the repayment of the Notes are also exempt from Turkish stamp tax.

As a result, Turkish law, as presently in effect, does not require deduction or withholding for or on account of taxes on payment of principal at maturity or on the redemption date or payment of interest to a holder of the Notes.

Residents of the Republic and persons otherwise subject to Turkish taxation and non-residents realizing gains from the sale or disposition of the Notes to Turkish residents (whether individuals or legal entities) and non- residents realizing income from their commercial and business activities in the Republic (whether individuals or legal entities) are advised to consult their own tax advisors in determining any consequences to them of the sale or disposition of the Notes.

#### **UNDERWRITING**

The Republic and the underwriters have entered into an underwriting agreement, dated as of April 28, 2016, relating to the offering and sale of the notes. In the underwriting agreement, the Republic has agreed to sell to each underwriter, and each underwriter has agreed, severally and not jointly, to purchase from the Republic, the principal amount of notes that appears opposite the name of such underwriter in the table below:

BNP Paribas.	\$500,000,000
Goldman Sachs International	\$500,000,000
J.P. Morgan Securities plc	\$500,000,000
Total	\$1,500,000,000

The obligations of the underwriters under the underwriting agreement, including their agreement to purchase notes from the Republic, are several and not joint. These obligations are also subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions in the underwriting agreement. The underwriters have agreed to purchase all of the notes if any of them are purchased.

The underwriters have advised the Republic that they propose to offer the notes to the public at the public offering price that appears on the cover page of this prospectus supplement. The underwriters may offer the notes to selected dealers at the public offering price minus a selling concession of up to 0.075% of the principal amount. After the initial public offering, the underwriters may change the public offering price and any other selling terms. The underwriters have agreed to pay certain expenses of the Republic incurred in connection with the offering.

In the underwriting agreement, the Republic has agreed that it will indemnify the underwriters against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Application is being made to list the notes on the Official List of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and to trade the notes on the Regulated Market "Bourse de Luxembourg" of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange in accordance with the relevant rules and regulations of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange. The underwriters have advised the Republic that they intend to make a market in the notes, but they are not obligated to do so. The underwriters may discontinue any market-making in the notes at any time in their sole discretion. Accordingly, the Republic cannot assure you that a liquid trading market will develop for the notes, that you will be able to sell your notes at a particular time or that the prices that you receive when you sell will be favorable.

Some of the underwriters and their affiliates have engaged in, and may in the future engage in, investment banking and other commercial dealings in the ordinary course of business with the Republic or its affiliates. They have received, or may in the future receive, customary fees and commissions for these transactions,

In addition, in the ordinary course of their business activities, the underwriters and their affiliates may make or hold a broad array of investments and actively trade debt and equity securities (or related derivative securities) and financial instruments (including bank loans) for their own account and for the accounts of their customers. Such investments and securities activities may involve securities and/or instruments of the Republic or its affiliates. Certain of the underwriters or their affiliates that have a lending relationship with us may hedge their credit exposure to us consistent with their customary risk management policies. Typically, such underwriters and their affiliates would hedge such exposure by entering into transactions which consist of either the purchase of credit default swaps or the creation of short positions in our securities, including potentially the notes offered hereby. Any such short positions could adversely affect future trading prices of the notes offered hereby. The underwriters and their affiliates may also make investment recommendations and/or publish or express independent research views in respect of such securities or financial instruments and may hold, or recommend to clients that they acquire, long and/or short positions in such securities and instruments.

In connection with this offering, the underwriters (or an affiliate of the underwriters) may engage in overallotment, stabilizing transactions and syndicate covering transactions in accordance with Regulation M under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). Overallotment involves sales in excess of the offering size, which creates a short position for the underwriters. Stabilizing transactions involve bids to purchase the notes in the open market for the purpose of pegging, fixing or

maintaining the price of the notes. Syndicate covering transactions involve purchases of the notes in the open market after the distribution has been completed in order to cover short positions. Stabilizing transactions and syndicate covering transactions may cause the price of the notes to be higher than it would otherwise be in the absence of those transactions. If the underwriters engage in stabilizing or syndicate covering transactions, they may discontinue them at any time.

Delivery of the notes will be made against payment therefor on or about the fourth New York business day following the date of pricing the notes (such settlement being referred to as "T+4"). Under Rule 15c6-1 under the Exchange Act, trades in the secondary market generally are required to settle in three business days unless the parties to any such trade expressly agree otherwise. Accordingly, purchasers who wish to trade the notes on the date of pricing will be required, by virtue of the fact that the notes will initially settle in T+4, to specify an alternative settlement cycle at the time of such trade to prevent failed settlement. Purchasers of the notes who wish to trade the notes on the date of pricing should consult their own advisers.

The notes are offered for sale in those jurisdictions where it is legal to make such offers. Only offers and sales of the notes in the United States, as part of the initial distribution thereof or in connection with resales thereof under circumstances where this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus must be delivered, are made pursuant to the registration statement, of which the prospectus, as supplemented by this prospectus supplement, forms a part.

The underwriters have specifically agreed to act as follows in each of the following places:

Public Offer Selling Restrictions under the Prospectus Directive: In relation to each Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (each, a "Relevant Member State"), each of the underwriters has represented and agreed that with effect from and including the date on which the Prospectus Directive is implemented in that Relevant Member State (the "Relevant Implementation Date") it has not made and will not make an offer of notes to the public in that Relevant Member State prior to the publication of a prospectus in relation to the notes which has been approved by the competent authority in that Relevant Member State or, where appropriate, approved in another Relevant Member State and notified to the competent authority in that Relevant Member State, all in accordance with the Prospectus Directive, except that it may, with effect from and including the Relevant Implementation Date, make an offer of such notes to the public in that Relevant Member State:

- (a) to any legal entity which is a qualified investor as defined in the Prospectus Directive;
- (b) to fewer than 150 natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive), as permitted under the Prospectus Directive, subject to obtaining the prior consent of the Joint Book Running Managers; or
- (c) in any other circumstances falling within Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive, provided that no such offer shall require the Republic or any of the Joint Book Running Managers to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or to supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.

For the purposes of this provision, the expression an "offer of notes to the public" in relation to any notes in any Relevant Member State means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the notes to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe the notes, as the same may be varied in that Member State by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in that Member State and the expression Prospectus Directive means Directive 2003/71/EC (as amended, including by Directive 2010/73/EC), and includes any relevant implementing measure in the Relevant Member State.

Selling Restrictions Addressing Additional United Kingdom Securities Laws: Each of the underwriters has represented and agreed that:

(a) it has only communicated or caused to be communicated and will only communicate or cause to be communicated an invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of Section 21 of the FSMA) received by it in connection with the issue or sale of the notes in circumstances in which Section 21(1) of the FSMA does not apply to the Republic; and

(b) it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of the FSMA with respect to anything done by it in relation to the notes in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom.

Italy: The offering of the notes has not been registered pursuant to the Italian securities legislation and, accordingly, each of the underwriters has represented and agreed that it has not offered or sold, and will not offer or sell, any notes in the Republic of Italy in a solicitation to the public unless the prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus has been authorized in accordance with chapter IV of the Prospectus Directive No. 2003/71 and relevant Italian CONSOB regulations, and that sales of the notes in the Republic of Italy shall be effected in accordance with all Italian securities, tax and exchange control and other applicable laws and regulation.

Accordingly, each of the underwriters has represented and agreed that it will not offer, sell or deliver any notes or distribute copies of the prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus and any other document relating to the notes in the Republic of Italy except:

- (1) to "Professional Investors", as defined in Article 31.2 of CONSOB Regulation No. 11522 of 1 July 1998, as amended ("Regulation No. 11522"), pursuant to Article 30.2 and 100 of Legislative Decree No. 58 of 24 February 1998, as amended ("Decree No. 58");
- (2) in a solicitation to the public provided that the prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus has been authorised in accordance with chapter IV of the Prospectus Directive No. 2003/71, Decree No. 58 and CONSOB Regulation No. 11971 of 14 May 1999, as amended; or
- (3) in any other circumstances where an express exemption from compliance with the solicitation restrictions applies, as provided under Decree No. 58 or CONSOB Regulation No. 11971 of 14 May 1999, as amended.

Any such offer, sale or delivery of the notes or distribution of copies of the prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus or any other document relating to the notes in the Republic of Italy must be:

- (a) made by investment firms, banks or financial intermediaries permitted to conduct such activities in the Republic of Italy in accordance with Legislative Decree No. 385 of 1 September 1993 as amended ("Decree No. 385"), Decree No. 58, CONSOB Regulation No. 11522 and any other applicable laws and regulations; and
- (b) in compliance with any other applicable notification requirement or limitation which may be imposed by CONSOB or the Bank of Italy.

Investors should also note that, in any subsequent distribution of the notes in the Republic of Italy, Article 100-bis of Decree No. 58 may require compliance with the law relating to public offers of securities. Furthermore, where the notes are placed solely with professional investors and are then systematically resold on the secondary market at any time in the 12 months following such placing, purchasers of notes who are acting outside of the course of their business or profession may in certain circumstances be entitled to declare such purchase void and to claim damages from any authorised person at whose premises the notes were purchased, unless an exemption provided for under Decree No. 58 applies.

#### **LEGAL MATTERS**

Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the Republic by the First Legal Advisor, Undersecretariat of Treasury, Prime Ministry, the Republic of Turkey. The validity of the notes will be passed upon for the Republic by Arnold & Porter LLP, New York, New York, special United States counsel for the Republic, and for the underwriters by Clifford Chance LLP, London, United Kingdom, counsel to the underwriters. All statements in this prospectus supplement with respect to matters of Turkish law have been passed upon for the Republic by the First Legal Advisor, and for the underwriters by Pekin & Pekin, Istanbul, Turkey. In rendering their opinions, Arnold & Porter LLP will rely as to all matters of Turkish law upon the First Legal Advisor and Clifford Chance LLP will rely as to all matters of Turkish law upon Pekin & Pekin.

#### TABLE OF REFERENCES

The table below sets out the page references containing the information incorporated by reference from the Annual Report on Form 18-K for the Republic (for the purposes of this section, the "Issuer"), for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014 filed with the SEC on September 21, 2015, as amended by Amendment No. 1 to Turkey's Annual Report on Form 18-K/A, filed on December 14, 2015 and Amendment No. 2 to Turkey's Annual Report on Form 18-K/A, filed on January 19, 2016, which contains the economic, financial and statistical information for fiscal years ended December 31, 2014, December 31, 2013, December 31, 2012, December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010:

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The Issuer's position within the governmental framework	"Description of the Republic — Government Organization and Political Background" on pages 19 to 21 of Exhibit D-2 to the Amendment No. 2 to Turkey's Annual Report on Form 18-K/A
Geographic location and legal form of the Issuer	"Description of the Republic" and "— Location, Area and Topography" on pages 18 to 19 of Exhibit D-2 to the Amendment No. 2 to Turkey's Annual Report on Form 18-K/A
Structure of the Issuer's economy	"Economy" on pages 72 to 113 of Exhibit D-2 to the Amendment No. 2 to Turkey's Annual Report on Form 18-K/A
Gross domestic product	"Economy — Gross Domestic Product" on pages 73 to 76 of Exhibit D-2 to the Amendment No. 2 to Turkey's Annual Report on Form 18-K/A
Turkey's political system and government	"Description of the Republic — Government Organization and Political Background" on pages 19 to 21 of Exhibit D-2 to the Amendment No. 2 to Turkey's Annual Report on Form 18-K/A
Tax and budgetary systems of the Issuer	"Public Finance — Taxation" and "— Developments in Tax Policy" on pages 169 to 177 of Exhibit D-2 to the Amendment No. 2 to Turkey's Annual Report on Form 18-K/A and "Public Finance — Central Government Budget" on pages 167 to 169 of Exhibit D-2 to the Amendment No. 2 to Turkey's Annual Report on Form 18-K/A
Gross public debt of the Issuer	"Debt" on pages 196 to 228 of Exhibit D-2 to the Amendment No. 2 to Turkey's Annual Report on Form 18-K/A
Foreign trade and balance of payments	"Foreign Trade and Balance of Payments" on pages 114 to 135 of Exhibit D-2 to the Amendment No. 2 to Turkey's Annual Report on Form 18-K/A
Foreign exchange reserves	"Foreign Trade and Balance of Payments — International Reserves" on page 135 of Exhibit D-2 to the Amendment No. 2 to Turkey's Annual Report on Form 18-K/A
Income and expenditure figures	"Public Finance — Central Government Budget" on pages 167 to 169 of Exhibit D-2 to the Amendment No. 2 to Turkey's Annual Report on Form 18-K/A

The information included in the 'Recent Developments and Overview' section of this Prospectus Supplement supplements the information contained in the Republic's Annual Report for 2014 on Form 18-K filed with the SEC on September 21, 2015, as amended by Amendment No. 1 to Turkey's Annual Report on Form 18-K/A, filed on December 14, 2015 and Amendment No. 2 to Turkey's Annual Report on Form 18-K/A, filed on January 19, 2016. To the extent that the information in the 'Recent Developments and Overview' section is inconsistent with the information contained in the Annual Report for 2014, as so amended, the information in the 'Recent Developments and Overview' section supersedes and replaces such information.

The information incorporated by reference that is not included in the cross-reference list, is considered as additional information and is not required by the relevant schedules of the Prospectus Regulation.

The prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus including the documents containing the information incorporated by reference will be published on the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange which is http://www.bourse.lu.

#### **PROSPECTUS**

# THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY

# **\$5,000,000,000 Debt Securities**

The Republic of Turkey, which may be referred to herein as Turkey or the Republic, may offer up to \$5,000,000,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies) aggregate principal amount of its debt securities.

Turkey may offer its debt securities from time to time in one or more offerings. Turkey will provide the specific terms of the debt securities it is offering in supplements to this prospectus. You should read this prospectus and any prospectus supplement carefully before you invest.

The debt securities will contain "collective action clauses," unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement. Under these provisions, which differ from the terms of Turkey's external indebtedness issued prior to January 1, 2015, Turkey may amend the payment provisions of the debt securities and other "reserved matters" with the consent of the holders of: (1) with respect to a single series of debt securities, more than 75% of the aggregate principal amount outstanding of such series; (2) with respect to two or more series of debt securities of all series affected by the proposed modification, taken in the aggregate; or (3) with respect to two or more series of debt securities, more than 66 ½% of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of all series affected by the proposed modification, taken in the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of each series affected by the proposed modification, taken individually. "Reserved matters" include, among other things, changes in the dates on which any amounts are payable on the debt securities, reductions in principal amounts or interest rates on the debt securities, a change in the currency of the debt securities, any change in the identity of the obligor under the debt securities, or a change in the status of the debt securities.

For a description of "collective action clauses", applicable to debt securities issued prior to January 1, 2015 (including any further issuances of such debt securities), see "Debt Securities — Collective Action Securities Issued Prior to January 1, 2015" beginning on page 13 of this prospectus.

Turkey may sell the securities directly, through agents designated from time to time or through underwriters or dealers.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined whether this prospectus is accurate or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement. Turkey has not authorized anyone to provide you with different or additional information. Turkey is not making an offer of these debt securities in any place where the offer is not permitted by law. You should not assume that the information in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement accompanying this prospectus or any document incorporated by reference is accurate as of any date other than the date on the front of those documents.

The date of this prospectus is February 2, 2016

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#### WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

Turkey voluntarily files annual reports on Form 18-K with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). These reports and any amendments to these reports include certain financial, statistical and other information about Turkey and may be accompanied by exhibits. You may read and copy any document Turkey files with the SEC at the SEC's public reference room in Washington, D.C. Turkey's SEC filings are also available to the public from the SEC's website at http://www.sec.gov. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the public reference room, or log on to www.sec.gov. The SEC is located at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20549.

The SEC allows Turkey to "incorporate by reference" the information Turkey files with it. This means that Turkey can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. Information that is incorporated by reference is an important part of this prospectus. Turkey incorporates by reference the following documents:

- Turkey's Annual Report on Form 18-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 (File Number 033-37817), filed on September 21, 2015, as amended by Amendment No. 1 to Turkey's Annual Report on Form 18-K/A, filed on December 14, 2015 and Amendment No. 2 to Turkey's Annual Report on Form 18-K/A, filed on January 19, 2016; and
- all other amendments to Turkey's Annual Report on Form 18-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 filed prior to the date of this prospectus (File Number 033-37817).

Turkey also incorporates by reference all future annual reports and amendments to annual reports until it sells all of the debt securities covered by this prospectus. Each time Turkey files a document with the SEC that is incorporated by reference, the information in that document automatically updates the information contained in previously filed documents.

You may request a free copy of these filings by writing to or calling Turkey's Economic Counselor at the following address and phone number:

Turkish Embassy
Office of the Economic Counselor
2525 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008
Attn: The Office of the Economic Counselor
(202) 612-6790

# DATA DISSEMINATION

Turkey is a subscriber to the International Monetary Fund's Special Data Dissemination Standard, or "SDDS", which is designed to improve the timeliness and quality of information of subscribing member countries. The SDDS requires subscribing member countries to provide schedules indicating, in advance, the date on which data will be released, the so-called "Advance Release Calendar". For Turkey, precise dates or "no-later-than dates" for the release of data under the SDDS are disseminated no later than three months in

advance through the Advance Release Calendar, which is published on the Internet under the International Monetary Fund's Dissemination Standards Bulletin Board. Summary methodologies of all metadata to enhance transparency of statistical compilation are also provided on the Internet under the International Monetary Fund's Dissemination Standard Bulletin Board. The Internet website is located at http://dsbb.imf.org/Applications/web/sddscountrycategorylist/?strcode=TUR. The website and any information on it are not part of this prospectus. All references in this prospectus to this website are inactive textual references to this URL, or "uniform resource locator", and are for your information only.

#### **USE OF PROCEEDS**

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, Turkey will use the net proceeds from the sale of the debt securities for the general financing purposes of Turkey, which may include the repayment of debt.

#### **DEBT SECURITIES**

Turkey may issue debt securities, in distinct series at various times, and these debt securities will be issued pursuant to a fiscal agency agreement between Turkey and a fiscal agent. The financial terms and other specific terms of a particular series of debt securities will be described in a prospectus supplement relating to those securities. If the terms or conditions described in the prospectus supplement that relates to your series of debt securities differ from the terms or conditions described in this prospectus, you should rely on the terms or conditions described in the prospectus supplement.

In this description of debt securities, you will see some initially capitalized terms. These terms have very particular, legal meanings, and you can find their definitions under the heading "Definitions" below.

#### General

The prospectus supplement that relates to your debt securities will specify the following terms, if applicable:

- the specific title or designation of the debt securities;
- the principal amount of the debt securities;
- the price of the debt securities;
- the stated maturity date on which Turkey agrees to repay principal;
- the rate of any interest the debt securities will bear and, if variable, the method by which the interest rate will be calculated;
- the dates on which any interest payments are scheduled to be made;
- the date or dates from which any interest will accrue;
- the record dates for any interest payable on an interest payment date;
- whether and under what circumstances and terms Turkey may redeem the debt securities before maturity;
- whether and under what circumstances and terms the holders of the debt securities may opt to have their respective debt securities prepaid;
- whether and under what circumstances the debt securities will be entitled to the benefit of a sinking fund or other similar arrangement;

- whether and under what circumstances and terms the holders of the debt securities may opt to obligate Turkey to repurchase or exchange their respective securities, either pursuant to an option that is included in the debt securities or that is or becomes separately tradable following their issuance;
- the currency or currencies in which the debt securities are denominated, which may be U.S. dollars, another foreign currency or units of two or more currencies;
- the currency or currencies for which such debt securities may be purchased and in which principal, premium, if any, and interest may be payable;
- whether any amount payable in respect of the debt securities will be determined based on an index or formula, and, if so, how any such amount will be determined;
- whether the debt securities will be issued upon the exchange or conversion of other debt securities and, if so, the specific terms relating to this exchange or conversion;
- whether any part or all of the debt securities will be in the form of a global security and the circumstance in which a global security is exchangeable for certificated (physical) securities;
- whether the debt securities will be listed and, if listed, the stock exchange on which the debt securities will be listed;
- whether the debt securities will be designated "Collective Action Securities" (as described below); and
- any other terms of the debt securities.

If applicable, the prospectus supplement may also describe any United States federal or Turkish income tax consequences and special considerations applicable to that particular series of debt securities.

#### **Status of the Debt Securities**

The following description applies to any series of debt securities issued prior to January 1, 2015 (including any further issuances of such debt securities).

The debt securities will be direct, unconditional, unsecured and general obligations of Turkey without any preference one over the other. Turkey will pledge its full faith and credit for the due and punctual payment of principal of and interest on the debt securities and for the timely performance of all of its obligations with respect to the debt securities.

The debt securities of each series will rank pari passu in right of payment with all other payment obligations relating to the External Indebtedness of Turkey.

The following description applies to any series of debt securities issued on or after January 1, 2015.

The debt securities will constitute direct, general, unconditional and unsubordinated public External Indebtedness of Turkey for which the full faith and credit of Turkey is pledged. The debt securities rank and will rank without any preference among themselves and equally with all other unsubordinated public External Indebtedness of Turkey. It is understood that this provision shall not be construed so as to require Turkey to make payments under the debt securities ratably with payments being made under any other public External Indebtedness.

#### Form of Debt Securities

Unless otherwise specified in the prospectus supplement, debt securities denominated in U.S. dollars will be issued:

· only in fully registered form; and

• without interest coupons.

Debt securities denominated in U.S. dollars or in another monetary unit will be issued in denominations set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.

#### **Payment**

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, the principal of and interest on the debt securities will be payable in U.S. dollars at the New York office of the fiscal agent, or such other office as designated by the fiscal agent, to the registered holders of the debt securities on the related record date; provided, however, that if so provided in the text of the debt securities, payments of principal and any interest will be paid by check mailed to the registered holders of the debt securities at their registered addresses, or in the case of principal, such other address as provided in writing by the registered holder. The authorization relating to such debt securities may provide that payments may be made to a registered holder of an amount greater than the aggregate principal amount of debt securities specified therein, by transfer of same day funds to an account maintained by the payee with a bank as specified in such authorization, if the registered holder so elects by giving the fiscal agent not less than 15 days notice (or such fewer days as the fiscal agent may accept at its discretion) prior to the date of payment.

If any date on which principal or interest is due to be paid is not a business day, Turkey may pay interest on the next day that is a business day and no additional interest will accrue on that payment. For this purpose, business day means any day, other than a Saturday or Sunday, on which banks in the City of New York are not required or authorized by law or executive order to be closed.

The register of holders of debt securities will be kept at the New York office of the fiscal agent, or such other office as designated by the fiscal agent.

Any moneys held by the fiscal agent in respect of debt securities and remaining unclaimed for two years after those amounts have become due and payable shall be returned to Turkey, as provided and in the manner set forth in the debt securities. After the return of these moneys to Turkey, the holders of these debt securities may look only to Turkey for any payment.

Turkey may replace the fiscal agent at any time, subject to the appointment of a replacement fiscal agent. The fiscal agent is an agent of Turkey and is not a trustee for the holders of the debt securities.

#### **Negative Pledge**

Turkey undertakes that it will not, so long as any of the debt securities remain outstanding, create or permit to exist (i) any Lien (other than a Permitted Lien) for any purpose upon or with respect to any International Monetary Assets of Turkey; or (ii) any Lien (other than a Permitted Lien) upon or with respect to any other assets of Turkey to secure External Indebtedness of any Person, unless the debt securities are given an equivalent interest.

#### **Definitions**

"Exportable Assets" means goods which are sold or intended to be sold for a consideration consisting of or denominated in Foreign Currency and any right to receive Foreign Currency in connection with the sale thereof.

"External Indebtedness" of any Person means (i) each obligation, direct or contingent, of such Person to repay a loan, deposit, advance or similar extension of credit, (ii) each obligation of such Person evidenced by a note, bond, debenture or similar written evidence of indebtedness, and (iii) each Guarantee by such Person of an obligation constituting External Indebtedness of another Person; if in each case such obligation is denominated in a Foreign Currency or payable at the option of the payee in a Foreign Currency; provided that (i) an obligation (or Guarantee thereof) which by its terms is payable only by a Turkish Person to another Turkish Person in the Republic is not External Indebtedness; (ii) an obligation to the extent that it is owing only to an individual who is a Turkish citizen is not External Indebtedness; and (iii) an obligation is deemed to be denominated in a Foreign Currency if the terms thereof or of any applicable governmental program contemplate that payment thereof will be made to the holder thereof in such Foreign Currency by the obligor, Turkey or any other Turkish Person.

"Foreign Currency" means any currency other than the lawful currency of Turkey.

"Guarantee" includes a suretyship or any other arrangement whereby the respective party is directly or indirectly responsible for any External Indebtedness of another Person, including, without limitation, any obligation of such party to purchase action for the purpose goods or services or supply funds or take any other of providing for the payment or purchase of such External Indebtedness (in whole or in part).

"International Monetary Assets" means all official holdings of gold, Special Drawing Rights, Reserve Positions in the International Monetary Fund and Foreign Exchange which is owned or held by Turkey or any monetary authority of Turkey, all as defined by the International Monetary Fund.

"Lien" means any lien, mortgage, deed of trust, charge, pledge, hypothecation, security interest or other encumbrance.

#### "Permitted Lien" means

- (1) any Lien on Foreign Currency (or deposits denominated in Foreign Currency) securing obligations with respect to a letter of credit issued in the course of ordinary commercial banking transactions (and expiring within one year thereafter) to finance the importation of goods or services into the Republic;
- (2) any Lien on Exportable Assets (but not official holdings of gold), documents of title relating thereto, insurance policies insuring against loss or damage with respect thereto and proceeds of the foregoing, securing External Indebtedness incurred to finance the business of producing or exporting Exportable Assets; provided that (x) the proceeds of the sale of such Exportable Assets are expected to be received within one year after such Exportable Assets or documents become subject to such Lien; and (y) such External Indebtedness (i) is to be repaid primarily out of proceeds of sale of the Exportable Assets subject to such Lien and (ii) does not arise out of financing provided by the lender on condition that other External Indebtedness be repaid;
- (3) any Lien securing External Indebtedness incurred for the purpose of financing any acquisition of assets (other than International Monetary Assets), provided that the assets which are subject to such Lien are: (x) tangible assets acquired in such acquisition (including, without limitation, documents evidencing title to such tangible assets); (y) claims which arise from the use, failure to meet specifications, sale or loss of, or damage to, such assets; or (z) rent or charter hire payable by a lessee or charterer of such assets;
- (4) any Lien on or with respect to assets (other than International Monetary Assets) existing at the time of the acquisition thereof, provided that such Lien was not incurred in contemplation of such acquisition;
- (5) any Lien on or with respect to assets (other than International Monetary Assets) acquired (or deemed to be acquired) under a financial lease, or claims arising from the use, operation, failure to meet specifications, sale or loss of, or damage to, such assets, provided that (x) such Lien secures only rentals and other amounts payable under such lease; and (y) such assets were not owned by the Republic for more than 120 days prior to becoming subject to such lease;
- (6) any Lien on any assets which arose pursuant to any order of attachment, distraint or similar legal process arising in connection with court proceedings so long as the execution or other enforcement thereof is effectively stayed and the claims secured thereby are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings;
- (7) any Lien arising by operation of law (and not pursuant to any agreement) which has not been foreclosed or otherwise enforced against the assets to which it applies, including without limitation any right of setoff with respect to demand or time deposits maintained with financial institutions and banker's liens with respect to property held by financial institutions, provided that such Lien arises in the ordinary course of the activities of the owner of the assets subject thereto and not with a view to securing any External Indebtedness;
- (8) any Lien securing External Indebtedness incurred in connection with any Project Financing, provided that the assets to which such Lien applies (x) are not official holdings of gold; and (y) are (i) assets which are the subject of such Project Financing or (ii) revenues or claims which arise from the use, operation, failure to meet specifications, exploitation, sale or loss of, or damage to, such assets;

- (9) Liens on assets (other than official holdings of gold) in existence on the initial date of issuance of the securities of a series provided that such Liens remain confined to the assets affected thereby on the initial date of issuance of the securities of such series, and secure only those obligations so secured on the initial date of issuance of the securities of such series;
- (10) any Lien arising in connection with contracts entered into substantially simultaneously for sales and purchases at market prices of precious metals; and
- (11) any Lien or Liens which otherwise would not be permissible pursuant to the negative pledge and which secure(s) indebtedness in an aggregate amount not exceeding \$50,000,000 (or the equivalent thereof in other currencies or composite currency units).

"Person" means an individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, unincorporated organization or any other judicial entity, including, without limitation, a government or governmental body or agency or instrumentality or any international organization or agency.

"Project Financing" means any financing of the acquisition, construction or development of any asset in connection with a project if the Person or Persons providing such financing expressly agree to look to the asset financed and the revenues to be generated by the use, exploitation, operation of or loss of, or damage to, such asset as a principal source of repayment for the moneys advanced and at the time of such financing it was reasonable to conclude that such project would generate sufficient income to repay substantially all of the principal of and interest on all External Indebtedness incurred in connection with such project.

"Turkish Person" means Turkey and any Person who is a resident or national of Turkey or which has its principal place of business, seat or head office in Turkey or any Person incorporated or organized under the laws of Turkey.

#### **Default**

Any of the following events affecting a particular series of debt securities will be an event of default with respect to that series of debt securities:

- (a) Turkey fails to pay, when due, principal of or any interest on the debt securities of that series and such failure continues for a period of 30 days; or
- (b) Turkey defaults in performance or observance of or compliance with any of its other obligations set forth in the debt securities of that series, which default is not remedied within 60 days after written notice of such default shall have been given to Turkey by the holder of any debt securities of that series at the corporate trust office of the fiscal agent in the City of New York; or
- (c) any other present or future External Indebtedness (as defined above) of Turkey, for or in respect of moneys borrowed or raised in an amount in aggregate of not less than \$40,000,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies or composite currency units), becomes due and payable prior to its stated maturity otherwise than at the option of Turkey, or any such amount of External Indebtedness is not paid when due (in accordance with any extension granted in any modification, consent or waiver by the holders of such External Indebtedness) or, as the case may be, within any applicable grace period; or
- (d) Turkey ceases to be a member of the International Monetary Fund or of any successor (whether corporate or not) that performs the functions of, or functions similar to, the International Monetary Fund; or
  - (e) Turkey announces its inability to pay its debts as they mature; or
- (f) it becomes unlawful for Turkey to perform or comply with any of its payment obligations under any of the debt securities of a series.

#### **Redemption and Repurchase**

Unless otherwise set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement, the debt securities will not be redeemable prior to maturity by Turkey or repayable prior to maturity by the registered holders of these debt securities.

Turkey may at any time purchase debt securities in any manner and for any price. If Turkey purchases debt securities of a series by tender, tenders must be available to all holders of debt securities of that series. Any debt securities purchased by Turkey may, at its discretion, be held by Turkey or surrendered to the fiscal agent for cancellation, but such debt securities may not be resold.

#### **Judgment Currency**

If for the purpose of obtaining judgment in any court or from any other tribunal it is necessary to convert an amount due to the holder of a debt security in the currency in which the debt security was required to be paid by its terms (the "Debt Security Currency") into another currency (the "Judgment Currency"), Turkey and such holder agree, to the fullest extent that they may effectively do so, that the rate of exchange used shall be that at which, in accordance with normal banking procedures, such holder could purchase the Debt Security Currency with such Judgment Currency in the city which is the principal financial center of the country of issue of the Debt Security Currency on the date two business days preceding the date on which actual payment in the Judgment Currency is made to such holder.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, the obligation of Turkey in respect of any amount payable by it to the holder of a debt security shall, notwithstanding any judgment in a Judgment Currency, be discharged only to the extent that on the business day following receipt by such holder of any amount adjudged to be so due in the Judgment Currency, such holder may, in accordance with normal banking procedures, purchase the Debt Security Currency with the Judgment Currency. To the fullest extent permitted by law, if the amount of the Debt Security Currency so purchased is less than the amount originally due to such holder, Turkey undertakes, as a separate and independent obligation, to indemnify and hold harmless each relevant holder of the debt security against the amount of such shortfall and if the amount of the Debt Security Currency so purchased is more than the amount originally due to such holder, and if all of Turkey's obligations to such holder under the debt securities are fully paid, such holder agrees to remit such excess to Turkey.

#### **Payment of Additional Amounts**

All payments of principal and interest in respect of the debt securities by Turkey will be made free and clear of, and without withholding or deduction for or on account of, any present or future taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges imposed, levied, collected, withheld or assessed by or within Turkey or any authority of or within Turkey (together, "Taxes"), unless such withholding or deduction is required by tax law. In that event, Turkey shall pay those additional amounts that will result in receipt by the holders of debt securities of the amounts that would have been received by them had such withholding or deduction not been required, except that no additional amounts shall be payable with respect to any debt security:

- to a holder (or a third party on behalf of a holder) where such holder is liable to pay such Taxes in respect of any debt security by reason of that holder's having some connection with Turkey other than the mere holding of that debt security or the receipt of principal and interest in respect of that debt security; or
- presented for payment more than 30 days after the Relevant Date (see below), except to the extent that the holder of that debt security would have been entitled to additional amounts on presenting the same for payment on the last day of that 30-day period.

The term "Relevant Date" in respect of any debt security means whichever is the later of:

- the date on which payment in respect of the debt security first becomes due and payable; or
- if the fiscal agent has not received the full amount of the moneys payable on or before that due date, the date on which notice is given to the holders of debt securities that the full amount of those moneys has been received and is available for payment.

Any reference in this section to "principal" and/or "interest" includes any additional amounts that may be payable under the debt securities.

Upon not less than 30 days' prior notice to holders of the debt securities, Turkey will have the right to require each holder to present at the office of any paying agency five business days prior to each record date a certificate, in such form as Turkey may from time to time reasonably prescribe in order to comply with applicable law or regulation, to enable Turkey to determine its duties and liabilities with respect to (i) any taxes, assessments or governmental charges which Turkey or the fiscal agent may be required to deduct or withhold from payments in respect of such securities under any present or future law of the United States or any regulation of any taxing authority thereof and (ii) any reporting or other requirements under such laws or regulations. Turkey will be entitled to determine its duties and liabilities with respect to such deduction, withholding, reporting or requirements of the basis of information contained in such certificate or, if no certificate shall be presented, on the basis of any presumption created by any such law or regulation and shall be entitled to act in accordance with such determination, but shall not be entitled to withhold all or part of any such payment except as required by applicable law.

#### **Global Securities**

The prospectus supplement that relates to your debt securities indicates whether any of the debt securities you purchase will be represented by a global security. The aggregate principal amount of any global security equals the sum of the principal amount of all the debt securities it represents. The global security will be registered in the name of the depositary identified in the prospectus supplement or its nominee, and will be deposited with the depositary, its nominee or a custodian.

Limitations on Your Ability to Obtain Debt Securities Registered in Your Name. The global security will not be registered in the name of any person other than the depositary or its nominee. Similarly, the global security will not be exchanged for debt securities that are registered in the name of any person other than the depositary or its nominee. An exception to these restrictions would be made only if:

- the depositary notifies Turkey that it is unwilling, unable or no longer qualified to continue to act as depositary and Turkey does not appoint a successor depositary within 90 days;
- at any time Turkey decides it no longer wishes to have all or part of the debt securities represented by a global security; or
- an event of default has occurred and is continuing to occur with respect to the securities.

In those circumstances, the depositary will determine in whose names to register any certificated (physical) debt securities issued in exchange for the global security. These certificated (physical) debt securities will be issued:

- only in fully registered form;
- · without interest coupons; and
- in denominations of \$1,000 and greater multiples, unless otherwise specified in a prospectus supplement.

The depositary or its nominee will be considered the sole owner and holder of the global security for all purposes. As a result:

- You cannot get debt securities registered in your name for so long as they are represented by the global security;
- You cannot receive certificated (physical) debt securities in your name in exchange for your beneficial interest in the global security;
- You will not be considered to be the owner or holder of the global security or any debt securities represented by the global security for any purpose;
- You cannot assert any right of a holder of the debt securities unless you are authorized by the depositary and the participant through which you hold your beneficial interest; and

• All payments on the global security will be made to the depositary or its nominee.

In some jurisdictions, certain types of purchasers (such as some insurance companies) are not permitted to own securities represented by a global security. These laws may limit your ability to sell or transfer your beneficial interest in the global security to these types of purchasers.

Beneficial Interests in and Payments on Global Security. Institutions that have accounts with the depositary or a nominee of the depositary, such as securities brokers and dealers, are called participants. Only participants, and persons that hold beneficial interests through participants, can own a beneficial interest in the global security. The depositary keeps records of the ownership and transfer of beneficial interests in the global security by other persons (such as their customers). No other records of the ownership and transfer of interests in the global security will be kept.

When the depositary receives payment of principal or interest on the global security, the depositary is expected to credit its participants' accounts in amounts that correspond to their respective beneficial interests in the global security. In turn, after the participants' accounts are credited, the participants are expected to credit the accounts of the owners of beneficial interests in the global security in amounts that correspond to the owners' beneficial interests in the global security.

The depositary and its participants establish policies and procedures that govern payments, transfers and other important matters that affect owners of beneficial interests in the global security. The depositary and its participants may change these policies and procedures from time to time. Turkey has no responsibility or liability for the records of owners of beneficial interests in the global security. Also, Turkey is not responsible for supervising or reviewing those records or payments. Turkey has no responsibility or liability for any aspect of the relationship between the depositary and its participants or for any aspects of the relationship between participants and owners of beneficial interests in the global security.

#### **Governing Law and Consent to Service**

Turkey is a foreign sovereign government. Consequently, it may be difficult for investors to obtain or realize upon judgments of courts of the United States against the Republic. The fiscal agency agreement and the debt securities will be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of New York, except with respect to the authorization and execution of the debt securities on behalf of Turkey and any other matters required to be governed by the laws of Turkey, which will be governed by the laws of Turkey.

Turkey will irrevocably waive, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any immunity, including foreign sovereign immunity, from jurisdiction to which it might otherwise be entitled in any action arising out of or based on the debt securities which may be instituted by the holder of any debt securities in any state or federal court in the City of New York or in any competent court in Turkey. Turkey will appoint the Economic Counselor of the Republic, 821 United Nations Plaza, 4th Floor, New York, New York, 10017, as its authorized agent upon whom process may be served in any action arising out of or based on the debt securities which may be instituted in any state or federal court in the City or State of New York by the holder of any debt securities. Such appointment shall be irrevocable until all amounts in respect of the principal, premium, if any, and interest, if any, due or to become due on or in respect of all the debt securities issuable under the fiscal agency agreement have been paid by Turkey to the fiscal agent, except that if for any reason the authorized agent ceases to be able to act as such authorized agent or no longer has an address in New York, Turkey will appoint another person in New York as its authorized agent.

The Economic Counselor is not the agent for service for actions under the United States federal securities laws or state securities laws and Turkey's waiver of immunity does not extend to such actions. Because Turkey has not waived its sovereign immunity in connection with any actions arising out of or based on United States federal or state securities laws, it will not be possible to obtain a United States judgment against Turkey based on such laws unless a court were to determine that Turkey is not entitled under the United States Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act of 1976, as amended, to sovereign immunity with respect to such actions.

Under the laws of Turkey, assets of Turkey are immune from attachment or other forms of execution, whether before or after judgment. The United States Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act of 1976, as amended, may also provide a means for limited execution upon any property of Turkey that is related to the service and administration of the debt securities.

#### **Non-Collective Action Securities**

The following descriptions apply to any series of debt securities that has not been designated Collective Action Securities, as provided below.

#### Acceleration of Maturity

If one or more of the events described above occurs with respect to a particular series of debt securities, each holder of debt securities of that series may declare the principal of and any accrued interest on the debt securities it holds immediately due and payable. Holders of debt securities may exercise these rights only by providing a written demand to Turkey and the fiscal agent at a time when the event of default is continuing unless prior to the receipt of that demand by the fiscal agent all defaults have been cured.

No periodic evidence is required to be furnished by Turkey as to the absence of defaults.

#### Meetings

General. A meeting of holders of debt securities of any series may be called at any time:

- to make, give or take any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action provided for in the fiscal agency agreement or the debt securities of that series; or
- to modify, amend or supplement the terms of the debt securities of that series or the fiscal agency agreement.

Turkey or the fiscal agent may at any time call a meeting of holders of debt securities of a series for any purpose described above. This meeting will be held at the time and place determined by the fiscal agent. If Turkey or the holders of at least 10% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding (as defined in the fiscal agency agreement) debt securities of a series request (in writing) the fiscal agent to call a meeting, the fiscal agent will call such a meeting.

For the purpose of this prospectus, "outstanding debt securities" does not include:

- previously canceled debt securities;
- debt securities called for redemption;
- debt securities which have become due and payable and for which sufficient funds to pay amounts owed under these debt securities have been paid or provided for;
- · debt securities of a series, which have been substituted with another series of debt securities; and
- for purposes of determining whether the required percentage of holders of debt securities is present at a meeting of holders for quorum purposes or has approved any amendment, modification or change to, or waiver of, the debt securities or the fiscal agency agreement, or whether the required percentage of holders has delivered a notice of acceleration, debt securities held directly by Turkey or on its behalf.

*Notice*. The notice of a meeting will set forth the time and place of the meeting and in general terms the action proposed to be taken at the meeting. This notice shall be given as provided in the terms of the debt securities. In addition, this notice shall be given between 30 and 60 days before the meeting date; however, in the case of any meeting to be reconvened after adjournment for lack of a quorum, this notice shall be given between 15 and 60 days before the meeting date.

Voting; Quorum. A person that holds outstanding debt securities of a series or is duly appointed to act as proxy for a holder of the debt securities of a series will be entitled to vote at a meeting of holders of the debt securities of that series. The presence at the meeting of persons entitled to vote a majority of the principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of a series shall constitute a quorum with respect to that series of debt securities.

At the reconvening of a meeting adjourned for a lack of a quorum, the presence of persons entitled to vote 25% in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of a series shall constitute a quorum with respect to that series of debt securities for the taking of any action set forth in the notice of the original meeting.

*Regulations*. The fiscal agent may make reasonable and customary regulations as it deems advisable for any meeting with respect to:

- the proof of the holding of debt securities of a series and of the appointment of proxies in respect of the holders of debt securities of a series:
- the record date for determining the holders of debt securities of a series who are entitled to vote at such meeting;
- the adjournment and chairmanship of such meeting;
- the appointment and duties of inspectors of votes, certificates and other evidence of the right to vote; and
- other matters concerning the conduct of the meeting that the fiscal agent deems appropriate.

#### **Amendments**

Unless the unanimous consent of holders of debt securities of an affected series is required as specified below, with:

- the affirmative vote, in person or (in the case of registered owners of the debt securities of that series) by proxy, of the holders of at least 66 <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of a series represented and voting at a duly called and held meeting (or any other percentage as may be set forth in the text of the debt securities of that series); or
- the written consent of the holders of  $66^{-2}/_3\%$  in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of a series (or any other percentage as may be set forth in the text of the debt securities of that series),
- (i) Turkey and the fiscal agent may modify, amend or supplement the terms of the debt securities of that series or, insofar as it affects the debt securities of that series, the fiscal agency agreement in any way and (ii) the holders of debt securities of that series may make, take or give any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action provided by the fiscal agency agreement or the debt securities of that series to be made, given or taken by holders of debt securities of such series.

The written consent or affirmative vote of the holders of 100% in aggregate principal amount of each debt security of an affected series is required to:

- change the due date for the payment of the principal (or premium, if any) of, or any installment of interest on, any debt security of that series;
- reduce the principal amount of any debt security of that series;
- reduce the portion of the principal amount that is payable in the event of an acceleration of the maturity of any debt security of that series;
- reduce the interest rate on any debt security of that series;
- reduce the premium payable, if any, upon the redemption of any debt security of that series;
- change the currency in which any amount in respect of the debt securities of that series is payable or (i) with respect to USD denominated issuances, change the place at which payment with respect to the debt securities of that series is paid from the Borough of Manhattan, the City of New York, or (ii) with respect to EUR denominated issuances, change the required places at which payment with respect to debt securities of that series is paid;
- shorten the period, if any, during which Turkey is not permitted to redeem the debt securities of that series;
- reduce the proportion of the principal amount of the debt securities of that series that is required:
- to modify, amend or supplement the fiscal agency agreement or the terms and conditions of the debt securities of that series: or
- to make, take or give any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action; or
- change the obligation of Turkey to pay additional amounts.

Turkey and the fiscal agent may, without the vote or consent of any holder of debt securities of a series, amend the fiscal agency agreement or the debt securities of any series for the purpose of:

- adding to the covenants of Turkey for the benefit of the holders of the debt securities;
- surrendering any right or power conferred upon Turkey;
- securing the debt securities of that series pursuant to the requirements of the debt securities or otherwise;
- curing any ambiguity or curing, correcting or supplementing any defective provision contained in the fiscal agency agreement or in the debt securities of that series; or
- amending the fiscal agency agreement or the debt securities of that series in any manner which Turkey and the fiscal agent
  may determine which is not inconsistent with the debt securities of that series and does not adversely affect the interest of
  any holder of debt securities of that series.

Any modification, amendment or supplement approved in the manner described in this section shall be binding on the holders of debt securities of such series.

#### Collective Action Securities Issued Prior to January 1, 2015

Turkey may designate a particular series of debt securities to be "Collective Action Securities." The following descriptions apply to any series of debt securities that has been designated Collective Action Securities and issued prior to January 1, 2015 (including any further issuances of such debt securities).

#### Acceleration of Maturity

If an event of default described under the heading "Debt Securities — Default" above occurs and is continuing with respect to any series of debt securities that have been designated Collective Action Securities, the holders of at least 25% of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series may, by notice to the fiscal agent, declare all the debt securities of that series to be due and payable immediately. Holders of less than 25% of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series may not, on their own, declare the debt securities of that series to be due and payable immediately. Holders of notes may exercise these rights only by providing a written demand to Turkey at the office of the fiscal agent at a time when the event of default is continuing.

Upon any declaration of acceleration, the principal, interest and all other amounts payable on the debt securities of that series will be immediately due and payable on the date Turkey receives written notice of the declaration, unless Turkey has remedied the event or events of default prior to receiving the notice. The holders of  $66^{-2}/_{3}\%$  or more of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series may rescind a declaration of acceleration if the event or events of default giving rise to the declaration have been cured or waived.

#### Meetings

General. A meeting of holders of debt securities of any series may be called at any time:

- to make, give or take any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action provided for in the fiscal agency agreement or the debt securities of that series; or
- to modify, amend or supplement the terms of the debt securities of that series or the fiscal agency agreement.

Turkey or the fiscal agent may at any time call a meeting of holders of debt securities of a series for any purpose described above. This meeting will be held at the time and place determined by the fiscal agent. If Turkey or the holders of at least 10% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding (as defined in the fiscal agency agreement) debt securities of a series request (in writing) the fiscal agent to call a meeting, the fiscal agent will call such a meeting.

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For the purpose of this prospectus, "outstanding debt securities" does not include:

- previously canceled debt securities;
- debt securities called for redemption;
- debt securities which have become due and payable and for which sufficient funds to pay amounts owed under these debt securities have been paid or provided for;
- debt securities of a series, which have been substituted with another series of debt securities; and
- for purposes of determining whether the required percentage of holders of debt securities is present at a meeting of holders for quorum purposes or has approved any amendment, modification or change to, or waiver of, the debt securities or the fiscal agency agreement, or whether the required percentage of holders has delivered a notice of acceleration, debt securities held directly by Turkey or on its behalf. See "— Amendments and Waivers" below for additional qualifications to the definition of "outstanding debt securities" as it applies to any series of debt securities that has been designated Collective Action Securities.

*Notice.* The notice of a meeting will set forth the time and place of the meeting and in general terms the action proposed to be taken at the meeting. This notice shall be given as provided in the terms of the debt securities. In addition, this notice shall be given between 30 and 60 days before the meeting date; however, in the case of any meeting to be reconvened after adjournment for lack of a quorum, this notice shall be given between 15 and 60 days before the meeting date.

Voting; Quorum. A person that holds outstanding debt securities of a series or is duly appointed to act as proxy for a holder of the debt securities of a series will be entitled to vote at a meeting of holders of the debt securities of that series. The presence at the meeting of persons entitled to vote a majority of the principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of a series shall constitute a quorum with respect to that series of debt securities.

At the reconvening of a meeting adjourned for a lack of a quorum, the presence of persons entitled to vote 25% in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of a series shall constitute a quorum with respect to that series of debt securities for the taking of any action set forth in the notice of the original meeting.

*Regulations*. The fiscal agent may make reasonable and customary regulations as it deems advisable for any meeting with respect to:

- the proof of the holding of debt securities of a series and of the appointment of proxies in respect of the holders of debt securities of a series;
- the record date for determining the holders of debt securities of a series who are entitled to vote at such meeting;
- the adjournment and chairmanship of such meeting;
- the appointment and duties of inspectors of votes, certificates and other evidence of the right to vote; and
- other matters concerning the conduct of the meeting that the fiscal agent deems appropriate.

#### Amendments and Waivers

Turkey, the fiscal agent and the holders may generally modify or take actions with respect to the fiscal agency agreement or the terms of the debt securities of any series that have been designated Collective Action Securities with:

- the affirmative vote of the holders of not less than  $66^{2}/_{3}\%$  in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series that are represented at a duly called and held meeting; or
- the written consent of the holders of 66  $\frac{2}{3}$ % in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series.

However, the holders of not less than 75% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series, voting at a meeting or by written consent, must consent to any amendment, modification, change or waiver with respect to the debt securities of that series that would:

- change the due date for the payment of the principal (or premium, if any) of, or any installment of interest on, the debt securities of that series;
- reduce the principal amount of the debt securities of that series;
- reduce the portion of the principal amount that is payable in the event of an acceleration of the maturity of the debt securities of that series;
- reduce the interest rate of the debt securities of that series;
- reduce the premium payable upon redemption of the debt securities of that series;
- change the currency in which any amount in respect of the debt securities of that series is payable or (i) with respect to
  USD denominated issuances, exclude the Borough of Manhattan, the City of New York, as a required place at which
  payment with respect to interest, premium or principal is payable, or (ii) with respect to EUR denominated issuances,
  exclude the City of London, as a required place at which payment with respect to interest, premium or principal is
  payable;
- shorten the period during which Turkey is not permitted to redeem the debt securities of that series if, prior to such action, Turkey is not permitted to do so;
- change Turkey's obligation to pay any additional amounts under the debt securities of that series;
- amend the definition of "outstanding" with respect to the debt securities of that series;
- change the governing law provision of the debt securities of that series;
- change Turkey's appointment of an agent for the service of process in the United States or Turkey's agreement not to claim and to waive irrevocably immunity (sovereign or otherwise) in respect of any suit, action or proceeding arising out of or relating to the fiscal agency agreement or to the debt securities of that series;
- change the status of the debt securities of that series, as described under "Debt Securities Status of the Debt Securities" in the prospectus;
- in connection with an offer to acquire all or any portion of the debt securities of that series, amend any event of default under the debt securities of that series; or
- reduce the proportion of the principal amount of the debt securities of that series that is required:
  - (i) to modify, amend or supplement the fiscal agency agreement or the terms and conditions of the debt securities of that series; or
  - (ii) make, take or give any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action.

Turkey refers to the above subjects as "reserved matters." A change to a reserved matter, including the payment terms of any series of debt securities that have been designated Collective Action Securities, can be made without your consent, as long as a

supermajority of the holders (that is, the holders of at least 75% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding notes) agrees to the change.

If both Turkey and the fiscal agent agree, they may, without the vote or consent of any holder of debt securities of a series, modify, amend or supplement the fiscal agency agreement or the debt securities of any series for the purpose of:

- adding to the covenants of Turkey for the benefit of the holders of the notes;
- surrendering any right or power conferred upon Turkey;
- securing the debt securities of that series pursuant to the requirements of the debt securities or otherwise;
- curing any ambiguity or curing, correcting or supplementing any defective provision contained in the fiscal agency
  agreement or in the debt securities of that series; or
- amending the fiscal agency agreement or the debt securities of that series in any manner which Turkey and the fiscal agent may determine and that is not inconsistent with and does not adversely affect the interest of any holder of debt securities of that series.

Any modification, amendment or supplement approved in the manner described in this section shall be binding on the holders of debt securities of such series.

For purposes of determining whether the required percentage of holders of any series of debt securities that have been designated Collective Action Securities is present at a meeting of holders for quorum purposes or has approved any amendment, modification or change to, or waiver of, such debt securities or the fiscal agency agreement, or whether the required percentage of holders has delivered a notice of acceleration, debt securities owned, directly or indirectly, by or on behalf of Turkey or any public sector instrumentality of Turkey will be disregarded and deemed not to be "outstanding", except that in determining whether the fiscal agent shall be protected in relying upon any amendment, modification, change or waiver, or any notice from holders, only debt securities that the fiscal agent knows to be so owned shall be so disregarded. As used in this paragraph, "public sector instrumentality" means the Central Bank of Turkey, any department, ministry or agency of the federal government of Turkey or any corporation, trust, financial institution or other entity owned or controlled by the federal government of Turkey or any of the foregoing, and "control" means the power, directly or indirectly, through the ownership of voting securities or other ownership interests, to direct the management of or elect or appoint a majority of the board of directors or other persons performing similar functions in lieu of, or in addition to, the board of directors of a corporation, trust, financial institution or other entity.

#### Further Issues of Debt Securities of a Series

From time to time, without the consent of holders of the debt securities of any series that have been designated Collective Action Securities, and subject to the required approvals under Turkish law, Turkey may create and issue additional debt securities with the same terms and conditions as those of the debt securities of that series (or the same except for the amount of the first interest payment and the issue price, provided that such additional debt securities do not have, for purposes of U.S. federal income taxation (regardless of whether any holders of such debt securities are subject to the U.S. federal tax laws), a greater amount of original issue discount than the debt securities of that series have as of the date of issuance of such additional debt securities. Turkey may also consolidate the additional debt securities to form a single series with the outstanding notes.

#### Collective Action Securities Issued On or After January 1, 2015

The following descriptions apply to any series of debt securities that has been designated Collective Action Securities and issued on or after January 1, 2015.

#### Acceleration of Maturity

If an event of default described under the heading "Debt Securities — Default" above occurs and is continuing with respect to any series of debt securities that have been designated Collective Action Securities, the holders of at least 25% of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series may, by notice to the fiscal agent, declare all the debt securities of that series to be due and payable immediately. Holders of less than 25% of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series may not, on their own, declare the debt securities of that series to be due and payable immediately. Holders of notes may exercise these rights only by providing a written demand to Turkey at the office of the fiscal agent at a time when the event of default is continuing.

Upon any declaration of acceleration, the principal, interest and all other amounts payable on the debt securities of that series will be immediately due and payable on the date Turkey receives written notice of the declaration, unless Turkey has remedied the event or events of default prior to receiving the notice. The holders of  $66^{2}/_{3}\%$  or more of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series may rescind a declaration of acceleration if the event or events of default giving rise to the declaration have been cured or waived.

#### Meetings, Amendments and Waivers

Turkey may call a meeting of the holders of debt securities of a series at any time regarding the fiscal agency agreement or the debt securities of the series. Turkey will determine the time and place of the meeting.

Turkey will notify the holders of the time, place and purpose of the meeting not less than 30 and not more than 60 days before the meeting.

In addition, Turkey or the fiscal agent will call a meeting of holders of debt securities of a series if the holders of at least 10% in principal amount of all debt securities of the series then outstanding have delivered a written request to Turkey or the fiscal agent (with a copy to Turkey) setting out the purpose of the meeting. Within 10 days of receipt of such written request or copy thereof, Turkey will notify the fiscal agent and the fiscal agent will notify the holders of the time, place and purpose of the meeting called by the holders, to take place not less than 30 and not more than 60 days after the date on which such notification is given.

Only holders and their proxies are entitled to vote at a meeting of holders. Turkey will set the procedures governing the conduct of the meeting and if additional procedures are required, Turkey will consult with the fiscal agent to establish such procedures as are customary in the market.

Modifications may also be approved by holders of debt securities of a series pursuant to written action with the consent of the requisite percentage of debt securities of such series. The fiscal agent will solicit the consent of the relevant holders to the modification not less than 10 and not more than 30 days before the expiration date for the receipt of such consents as specified by the fiscal agent.

The holders may generally approve any proposal by Turkey to modify the fiscal agency agreement or the terms of the debt securities of a series with the affirmative vote (if approved at a meeting of the holders) or consent (if approved by written action) of holders of more than 50% of the outstanding principal amount of the debt securities of that series.

However, holders may approve, by vote or consent through one of three modification methods, any proposed modification by Turkey that would do any of the following (such subjects referred to as "reserved matters"):

- change the date on which any amount is payable on the debt securities;
- reduce the principal amount (other than in accordance with the express terms of the debt securities and the fiscal agency agreement) of the debt securities;

- reduce the interest rate on the debt securities;
- change the method used to calculate any amount payable on the debt securities (other than in accordance with the express terms of the debt securities and the fiscal agency agreement);
- change the currency or place of payment of any amount payable on the debt securities;
- modify Turkey's obligation to make any payments on the debt securities (including any redemption price therefor);
- change the identity of the obligor under the debt securities;
- change the definition of "outstanding debt securities" or the percentage of affirmative votes or written consents, as the case may be, required to make a "reserved matter modification";
- change the definition of "uniformly applicable" or "reserved matter modification";
- authorize the fiscal agent, on behalf of all holders of the debt securities, to exchange or substitute all the debt securities for, or convert all the debt securities into, other obligations or securities of Turkey or any other person; or
- change the legal ranking, governing law, submission to jurisdiction or waiver of immunities provisions of the terms of the
  debt securities.

A change to a reserved matter, including the payment terms of the debt securities, can be made without your consent, as long as the change is approved, pursuant to one of the three following modification methods, by vote or consent by:

- the holders of more than 75% of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of a series affected by the proposed modification;
- where such proposed modification would affect the outstanding debt securities of two or more series, the holders of more than 75% of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of all of the series affected by the proposed modification, taken in the aggregate, if certain "uniformly applicable" requirements are met; or
- where such proposed modification would affect the outstanding debt securities of two or more series, the holders of more than 66  $^2$ /3% of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of all of the series affected by the proposed modification, taken in the aggregate, and the holders of more than 50% of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of each series affected by the modification, taken individually.

"Uniformly applicable," as referred to above, means a modification by which holders of debt securities of all series affected by that modification are invited to exchange, convert or substitute their debt securities on the same terms for (x) the same new instruments or other consideration or (y) new instruments or other consideration from an identical menu of instruments or other consideration. It is understood that a modification will not be considered to be uniformly applicable if each exchanging, converting or substituting holder of debt securities of any series affected by that modification is not offered the same amount of consideration per amount of principal, the same amount of consideration per amount of interest accrued but unpaid and the same amount of consideration per amount of past due interest, respectively, as that offered to each other exchanging, converting or substituting holder of debt securities of any series affected by that modification is not offered the same amount of consideration per amount of principal, the same amount of consideration per amount of past due interest, respectively, as that offered to each other exchanging, converting or substituting holder of debt securities of any series affected by that modification under such menu of instruments).

Turkey may select, in its discretion, any modification method for a reserved matter modification in accordance with the fiscal agency agreement and to designate which series of debt securities will be included for approval in the aggregate of modifications affecting two or more series of debt securities. Any selection of a modification method or designation of series to be included will be final for the purpose of that vote or consent solicitation.

Before soliciting any consent or vote of any holder of debt securities for any change to a reserved matter, Turkey will provide the following information to the fiscal agent for distribution to the holders of debt securities of any series that would be affected by the proposed modification:

- a description of Turkey's economic and financial circumstances that are in Turkey's opinion relevant to the request for the proposed modification, a description of Turkey's existing debts and description of its broad policy reform program and provisional macroeconomic outlook;
- if Turkey shall at the time have entered into an arrangement for financial assistance with multilateral and/or other major creditors or creditor groups and/or an agreement with any such creditors regarding debt relief, (x) a description of any such arrangement or agreement and (y) where permitted under the information disclosure policies of the multilateral or other creditors, as applicable, a copy of the arrangement or agreement;
- a description of Turkey's proposed treatment of external debt instruments that are not affected by the proposed modification and its intentions with respect to any other major creditor groups; and
- if Turkey is then seeking any reserved matter modification affecting any other series of debt securities, a description of that proposed modification.

For purposes of determining whether the required percentage of holders of the debt securities of a series has approved any amendment, modification or change to, or waiver of, the debt securities or the fiscal agency agreement, or whether the required percentage of holders has delivered a notice of acceleration of the debt securities of that series, debt securities held by Turkey or any public sector instrumentality of Turkey or by a corporation, trust or other legal entity that is controlled by Turkey or a public sector instrumentality will be disregarded and deemed not to be outstanding and may not be counted in a vote or consent solicitation for or against a proposed modification, if on the record date for the proposed modification or other action or instruction hereunder, the debt security is held by Turkey or by a public sector instrumentality, or by a corporation, trust or other legal entity that is controlled by Turkey or a public sector instrumentality, except that (x) debt securities held by Turkey or any public sector instrumentality of Turkey or by a corporation, trust or other legal entity that is controlled by Turkey or a public Turkey instrumentality which have been pledged in good faith may be regarded as outstanding if the pledgee establishes to the satisfaction of the fiscal agent the pledgee's right so to act with respect to such debt securities and that the pledgee is not Turkey or a public sector instrumentality or a corporation, trust or other legal entity that is controlled by Turkey or a public Turkey instrumentality, and in case of a dispute concerning such right, the advice of counsel shall be full protection in respect of any decision made by the fiscal agent in accordance with such advice and any certificate, statement or opinion of counsel may be based, insofar as it relates to factual matters or information which is in the possession of the fiscal agent, upon the certificate, statement or opinion of or representations by the fiscal agent; and (y) in determining whether the fiscal agent will be protected in relying upon any such action or instructions hereunder, or any notice from holders, only debt securities that a responsible officer of the fiscal agent knows to be so owned or controlled will be so disregarded. Debt securities so owned which have been pledged in good faith may be regarded as outstanding if the pledgee establishes to the satisfaction of the fiscal agent the pledgee's right so to act with respect to such debt securities and that the pledgee is not Turkey or a public sector instrumentality or a corporation, trust or other legal entity that is controlled by Turkey or a public Turkey instrumentality.

As used in the preceding paragraph, "public sector instrumentality" means any department, secretary, ministry or agency of Turkey, and "control" means the power, directly or indirectly, through the ownership of voting securities or other ownership interests, by contract or otherwise, to direct the management of or elect or appoint a majority of the board of directors or other persons performing similar functions in lieu of, or in addition to, the board of directors of that legal entity.

#### Other Amendments

Turkey and the Fiscal Agent may, without the vote or consent of any holder of debt securities of a series, amend the Fiscal Agency Agreement or the debt securities of the series for the purpose of:

- adding to Turkey's covenants for the benefit of the holders;
- surrendering any of Turkey's rights or powers with respect to the debt securities of that series;
- securing the debt securities of that series;

- curing any ambiguity or curing, correcting or supplementing any defective provision in the debt securities of that series or the Fiscal Agency Agreement;
- amending the debt securities of that series or the Fiscal Agency Agreement in any manner that Turkey may determine and that does not materially adversely affect the interests of any holders of the debt securities of that series; or
- correcting, in the opinion of Turkey, a manifest error of a formal, minor or technical nature.

# Further Issues of Debt Securities of a Series

From time to time, without the consent of holders of the debt securities of any series that have been designated Collective Action Securities, and subject to the required approvals under Turkish law, Turkey may create and issue additional debt securities with the same terms and conditions as those of the debt securities of that series (or the same except for the amount of the first interest payment and the issue price, provided that such additional debt securities do not have, for purposes of U.S. federal income taxation (regardless of whether any holders of such debt securities are subject to the U.S. federal tax laws), a greater amount of original issue discount than the debt securities of that series have as of the date of issuance of such additional debt securities. Turkey may also consolidate the additional debt securities to form a single series with the outstanding notes.

#### PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

Turkey may sell any combination of the debt securities in any of three ways:

- through underwriters or dealers;
- directly to one or more purchasers; or
- through agents.

Each prospectus supplement will set forth:

- the name or names of any underwriters or agents;
- the purchase price of the securities of that series;
- the net proceeds to Turkey from the sale of the securities;
- any underwriting discounts, agent commissions or other items constituting underwriters' or agents' compensation;
- any initial public offering price;
- any discounts or concessions allowed or reallowed or paid to dealers; and
- any securities exchanges on which the securities may be listed.

The securities may be sold from time to time in distinct series by different means at different prices that are negotiated and fixed or that vary based on market prices.

Underwriters used in the sale of securities will distribute the securities on a firm commitment basis. In this case, the underwriters will acquire the securities for their own account and may resell them from time to time in one or more transactions, including negotiated transactions, at a fixed public offering price or at varying prices to be determined at the time of sale. Turkey may offer the securities to the public either through underwriting syndicates represented by managing underwriters or directly by underwriters.

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Unless otherwise set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement, the obligations of the underwriters to purchase the securities will be subject to certain conditions precedent and the underwriters will be obligated to purchase all such securities if any are purchased. The underwriters may change any initial public offering price and any discounts or concessions allowed or reallowed or paid to dealers.

Turkey may also sell securities of any series directly to the public or through agents designated by Turkey from time to time. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, an agent used in the sale of securities will sell the securities on a reasonable best efforts basis for the period of its appointment.

In compliance with Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) guidelines, the maximum compensation to any underwriters or agents in connection with the sale of any securities pursuant to this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement will not exceed 8% of the aggregate total offering price to the public of such securities as set forth on the cover page of the applicable prospectus supplement; however, it is anticipated that the maximum compensation paid will be significantly less than 8%.

Turkey may authorize agents, underwriters or dealers to solicit offers by certain specified entities to purchase the securities from Turkey under "delayed delivery" contracts. Purchasers of securities under delayed delivery contracts will pay the public offering price plus accrued interest, if any, and will take delivery of the securities on a date or dates stated in the applicable prospectus supplement. Delayed delivery contracts will be subject only to those conditions set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement. The applicable prospectus supplement will set forth the commission payable for solicitation of these delayed delivery contracts.

Turkey may agree to indemnify agents and underwriters against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or to contribute to payments which the agents or underwriters may be required to make in respect of any of these liabilities. Agents and underwriters may engage in transactions with or perform services for Turkey in the ordinary course of business.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, Turkey will not register under the Securities Act the securities that it will offer and sell outside the United States. Thus, subject to certain exceptions, Turkey cannot offer, sell or deliver those securities within the United States or to U.S. persons. When Turkey offers or sells securities outside the United States, each underwriter or dealer involved in the sale of the securities will acknowledge that the securities:

- have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act; and
- may not be offered or sold within the United States except pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act.

Each of these underwriters or dealers will agree:

- that it has not offered or sold, and will not offer or sell, any of these securities within the United States except in accordance with Rule 903 of Regulation S under the Securities Act; and
- that neither such underwriter or dealer nor its affiliates nor any persons acting on its or their behalf have engaged or will engage in any directed selling efforts with respect to these securities.

# **DEBT RECORD**

Turkey has not defaulted on any principal or interest of any external debt represented by bonds issued in public international markets since it began issuing such bonds in 1988.

# VALIDITY OF THE SECURITIES

The validity of the debt securities will be passed upon for Turkey by the First Legal Advisor, Undersecretariat of Treasury, Prime Ministry, the Republic of Turkey. Certain legal matters of United States law will be passed upon for Turkey by Arnold & Porter LLP, United States counsel to Turkey, and for the underwriters, if any, by United States counsel and Turkish counsel to the underwriters named in the applicable prospectus supplement.

As to all matters of Turkish law, Arnold & Porter LLP may rely on the opinion of the First Legal Advisor, Undersecretariat of Treasury, Prime Ministry, the Republic of Turkey. As to all matters of United States law, the First Legal Advisor, Undersecretariat of Treasury, Prime Ministry, the Republic of Turkey may rely on the opinion of Arnold & Porter LLP. Certain statements with respect to matters of Turkish law in this prospectus have been passed upon by the First Legal Advisor, Undersecretariat of Treasury, Prime Ministry, the Republic of Turkey and are made upon his or her authority.

#### **OFFICIAL STATEMENTS**

The information set forth herein and in the documents incorporated by reference has been reviewed by the Director General of Foreign Economic Relations, Undersecretariat of Treasury, Prime Ministry, the Republic of Turkey, in his official capacity, and is included herein on his authority. Information included herein or therein which is identified as being taken or derived from a publication of Turkey or an agency, instrumentality or state economic enterprise of Turkey is included on the authority of such publication as a public official document of Turkey.

#### **AUTHORIZED AGENT**

The authorized agent of Turkey in the United States of America is the Consulate General of the Republic of Turkey, whose address is: Turkish Embassy, Office of the Economic Counselor, 2525 Massachusetts Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008.

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