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PREAMBLE

Our country is experiencing one of the most profound administrative and economic crises in the history of the Republic. Social, political, and economic problems are growing day by day. The main reason for this crisis is the presidential governmental system and the arbitrary and rule-defying administrative approach.

The current system has turned into a problem of survival for the state.

As six political parties representing our nation in the broadest spectrum, we have come together with the aim of overcoming this crisis in unity and solving our intense problems in line with the principles of democracy and the rule of law, through a strengthened parliamentary system on the basis of pluralism and participation.

Our main goal is to transform Turkey into a happy country where everyone lives a life worthy of human dignity and achieves social welfare standards, where women, children, youth, and all citizens look to the future with hope in social peace.

Acting in this belief and determination, we shared the “Memorandum of Understanding on a Strengthened Parliamentary System”, the memorandum of understanding on “Key Principles and Objectives”, the “Proposal for a Constitutional Amendment for a Strengthened Parliamentary System”, the “Institutional Reforms Report” and the “Electoral Security Report” with the public in 2022.

Today, we are proud to announce to the public our “Memorandum of Understanding on Common Policies”, which includes the goals, policies, and projects we have identified in line with the interests of our nation in the important key policy areas for our country.

The concrete goals, policies, and projects in the “Memorandum of Understanding on Common Policies” are our common commitment to our nation.

Our “Memorandum of Understanding on Common Policies” will form the backbone of the Election Declaration of the Joint Presidential Candidate, which we will support as six political parties, and the government programme to be implemented after the elections.

Through the concrete steps enshrined in our Common Policies, we commit to the following: Building a robust, free, democratic, and just system in the second century of our Republic; restructuring the administration in a citizen-oriented fashion based on compliance with the law and transparency; freeing Turkey from the middle income trap and to elevate it to a solid and permanent position among high-income countries thanks to a new sustainable, inclusive development strategy centred on green transition and the digital revolution; establishing an inclusive education system that guarantees equality of opportunity without discrimination on the basis of gender, ethnicity, religion, language, place of residence, health status, or socio-economic conditions; introducing constitutional guarantees for the ‘ecosystem rights’ of posterity; eradicating extreme poverty, leaving no citizen behind and rendering our country a reliable, strong and effective international player.

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As the six political parties representing our nation in the widest spectrum, we have reached a new stage in the joint work that we have carried out with great determination to overcome the deepest administrative and economic crisis in the history of the Republic.

We share with the public our “Memorandum of Understanding on Common Policies”, which includes the goals, policies, and projects that we have determined in line with our nation's interests in the main policy areas.

Our Memorandum of Understanding on Common Policies is based on nine main themes: (1) law, justice, and judiciary, (2) public administration, (3) anti-corruption, transparency, and supervision, (4) economy, finance, and employment, (5) science, R&D, innovation, entrepreneurship, and digital transformation, (6) sectoral policies, (7) education and training, (8) social policies and (9) foreign policy, defence, security, and migration. It sets out more than 2,300 concrete goals, policies, and projects under 75 sub-themes.

The “Memorandum of Understanding on Common Policies” will form the backbone of the Election Declaration of the Joint Presidential Candidate and the Government Program to be implemented after the elections, which we will support as six political parties.

Below is a summary of the concrete steps to be taken under nine main themes, and detailed steps are included in the main text.

LAW, JUSTICE, AND JUDICIARY

- We will shift to a Strengthened Parliamentary System for a strong, liberal, democratic, and just system in which the separation of powers is established through an effective and participatory legislative, a stable, transparent, and accountable executive, and an independent and impartial judiciary.
- We will urgently implement the constitutional and legislative amendments that need to be made in line with the Memorandum of Understanding on a Strengthened Parliamentary System.
- We will ensure that a plenary debate, with an agenda set by the opposition, can be held for at least 20 days in a legislative year.
- We will redefine the concepts of state and trade secrets in a way that does not impede the Parliament’s authority to receive information and audit.
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• We will constitutionally guarantee that the power to withdraw from international conventions rests with the Parliament.

• We will establish a Final Accounts Committee in the Grand National Assembly of Turkey, the president of which is elected from among the main opposition deputies.

• We will terminate the President’s overbearing veto power over acts of Parliament, with only a right to “return bills” to the Parliament for reconsideration being granted to the President.

• We will put an end to the President’s power to issue decrees.

• We will make arrangements for the President to be elected for a term of 7 years, to be dismissed from his party after being elected and not to be able to return to active politics upon completion of the term.

• We will ensure that the new prime minister’s name is included in the no-confidence motions against the prime minister or the entire Council of Ministers and that an absolute majority of the total number of members of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey signs the motion.

• We will put an end to the state of emergency decrees and reduce the duration of the state of emergency from six months to two months.

• We will form two different councils, one being the Council of Judges and the other the Council of Prosecutors.

• We will put an end to the multi-bar system.

• We will regulate the Court of Auditors as a supreme court in the Constitution and expand the scope of the Court of Auditors’ audit to include all public institutions and organizations.

  • We will take the necessary measures to rigorously implement the principle that arrest is an exception.

  • We will strengthen the freedoms of thought, opinion, and expression.

  • We will strengthen the freedom of the press and restructure TRT (Turkish Radio and Television Corporation) and Anadolu Agency according to the principles of independence and impartiality.

  • We will put an end to the vague and arbitrary restriction of the freedoms of assembly and demonstration.

• We will ensure that an equal, fair, and transparent method is applied for non-governmental organizations to benefit from supports such as public interest status and tax exemption.
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• We will put an end to the grievances arising from the state of emergency decrees.

• We will lower the electoral threshold to 3%.

• We will create an overseas constituency for the direct representation of our citizens living abroad in the Parliament with a maximum of 15 deputies.

• We will ensure that political parties that received at least 1% of the votes in the most recent parliamentary general elections benefit from treasury assistance.

• We will make the permission of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey mandatory to file lawsuits regarding the dissolution of political parties.

• We will require that donations over a certain amount made to political parties and candidates and all expenditures incurred during elections be made public.

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

• We will abolish the boards and offices within the Office of the Presidency and transfer their duties and powers to the relevant ministries and institutions.

• We will close down the Turkey Wealth Fund.

• We will restructure ministries in line with our goal of green and digital transformation and inclusion.

• We will establish the Strategy and Planning Organization.

• We will abolish the deputy minister’s office and establish the undersecretariat system.

• We will put an end to the trustee practices that ignore the right to elect and be elected in local elections.

• We will increase municipalities’ share from general budget tax revenues and consider the provinces’ contribution to production and export, summer-winter and night-day population difference and irregular migration in determining the shares.

• We will enact the Fundamental Law on Mukhtarship.

• We will return their legal entities to the villages converted into neighbourhoods with the Metropolitan Law.

• We will establish a State Personnel Presidency.
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• We will put an end to interviews and ensure that personnel are recruited based on the principle of starting with the highest scorer in the written exam.

• We will increase the number of Public Personnel Selection Examinations (KPSS) and not charge for exams.

• We will not allow the provision of essential and permanent duties by public services to be carried out by deputies or subcontractors.

ANTI-CORRUPTION, TRANSPARENCY AND AUDIT

• We will establish a “Committee of Inquiry on Corruption” in the Grand National Assembly of Turkey.

• We will bring back to Turkey the revenues obtained through corruption and smuggling abroad. To this end, we will establish the “Office for the Recovery of Assets”.

• We will strengthen the financial resources, personnel and IT infrastructure of the Financial Crimes Investigation Board and ensure that it has administrative autonomy.

• We will fully comply with the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) standards and remove our country from the “grey list”.

• We will urgently publish the list of tax havens and the list of countries at risk of money laundering.

• We will prevent tax amnesty and asset reconciliations from being used as a means of money laundering.

• We will reorganize Public Procurement Law No. 4734 in accordance with the European Union norms.

• We will increase the responsibility for discipline, punishment and compensation of public officials who violate the right to information.

• We will transparently publish guarantees and other contingent obligations arising from Public Private Partnership (PPP) projects.

• We will make it mandatory for TURKSTAT (Turkish Statistical Institute) statistics to be regularly subjected to quality and reliability control by Committees formed by academics and experts.

• We will enact the Law on Political Ethics, establish a Political Ethics Committee within the Grand National Assembly of Turkey, and regulate the establishment of political ethics committees within political parties with a group.
ECONOMY, FINANCE AND EMPLOYMENT

• We will permanently reduce inflation to low single digits in two years.
• We will restore credibility and stability to the Turkish lira.
• We will ensure that the average growth rate is above 5 percent.
• We will at least double our per capita income in dollar terms at the end of five years.
• We will create, in five years, at least 5 million additional quality jobs that generate a decent income and reduce unemployment to single digits.
• We will cancel out the extreme poverty that has been on the agenda again after 2018.
• We will put an end to policies based on unfair income, wealth transfer and unearned income and ensure a fair and balanced income distribution among individuals, households, and regions.
• We will increase the annual exports to 600 billion dollars and the kilogram value of exports to over 2 dollars and double the share of high-tech products exports at the end of five years.
• We will rid production of dependence on imports through our sectoral policies based on efficiency, high-added value and competitiveness and bring our economy to the level of sustainable external balance.
• We will not impose responsibilities on the Central Bank other than ensuring price and financial stability.
• We will introduce legislative arrangements to ensure that amendments to the Central Bank Law concerning basic duties, instrument independence and high-level appointments can be made by a qualified majority in the Grand National Assembly of Turkey.
• We will abolish the Price Stability Committee, which has no function and leads to interference with the independence of the Central Bank and a conflict of authority and responsibility.
• We will ensure that the CBRT’s (Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey) units in Istanbul are relocated to Ankara as soon as possible.
• We will subject the transactions related to the sale of Central Bank reserves in a non-transparent and circuitous manner to administrative and legal supervision. We will follow up on the identified errors, irregularities, corruption, and public damage until the end.
• We will put an end to opening new Currency Protected Deposit accounts and close existing accounts at maturity as soon as we come to power.
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• We will put an end to all unnecessary expenditures on the grounds of reputation.

• We will reduce the number of aircraft used by the Presidency.

• We will initiate the “Fiscal Rule” practice to make the fiscal discipline understanding permanent and increase predictability.

• We will use the resources not for unearned income-generating projects such as “Canal Istanbul” but for agricultural irrigation projects, especially those within the scope of the South-eastern Anatolia Project (GAP), Eastern Anatolia Project (DAP), Konya Plain Project (KOP) and Eastern Black Sea Project (DOKAP).

• We will ensure that the public sector does not enter into contracts in foreign currency except for cases of necessity.

• We will expand the scope of the income elements subject to declaration and establish a tax structure that reduces the weight of indirect taxes.

• We will reduce the tax and insurance premium burden on employees.

• We will submit the Tax Expenditures Report to the Grand National Assembly of Turkey with the Central Government Budget Bill.

• We will cancel out the withholding tax rate on workplace rent payments.

• We will not charge title deed fees for purchasing housing for the first time.

• We will reduce the VAT charged on all kinds of education and training services.

• We will not charge excise duty on the renewal of vehicles over ten years of age of people working as drivers by profession.

• We will review other regulations on appreciation share and unearned incomes from zoning and tax unearned urban incomes comprehensively and effectively.

• We will stop using tax auditing as a tool to put political pressure on the business world.

• We will put an end to tax amnesty and especially the practices of base increase and asset reconciliation without economic and technical justifications.

• We will take the necessary measures, including collecting withholding tax from payments made to tax havens.

• We will effectively combat informality, reduce informality below the OECD average, and use the resources obtained through this combat to support the most vulnerable segments of society.
• We will make use of all national and international legal remedies for Public-Private Partnership projects where irregularities and corruption are detected, operate arbitration processes, if necessary, initiate legal proceedings against contractor companies, their partners and responsible persons who cause harm to the public if any, and ensure that the damages incurred are collected from the relevant parties.

• We will ensure the spread of capital to the base and direct long-term resources to companies, especially toward realizing sustainable development goals.

• We will initiate an investigation and audit of allegations of manipulation and corruption in the Stock Exchange, including the relevant institutions, and follow up on the irregularities and corruption detected.

• We will implement regulations that prevent the risks created by speculative and pyramid scheme-type finance practices.

• We will put an end to the construction-centred approach and make Istanbul a real Financial Hub.

• We will review employment-related regulations and reduce formal employment’s financial and non-financial burdens.

• We will simplify and facilitate the implementation of tax and social security premium incentives for employment, which are numerous and complex.

• We will develop and support short training programmes, internships, certificates, distance education, digital training channels and free digital development workshops for youth employment.

• We will increase the number of after-school activity centres and nurseries with trainers at the neighbourhood level in cooperation with local governments to ensure more active participation of women in the workforce. To this end, we will also improve access to elderly care.

• We will provide services such as vocational profiling, job finding, vocational orientation and vocational training courses to enable people with disabilities to participate in the competitive labour market.

• We will prevent the misuse of the Unemployment Insurance Fund and ensure that its activities are carried out more transparently.

• We will transfer to the “Preparation for Tomorrow Fund” half of the 2% employer contribution to the Unemployment Insurance Fund, through which we will finance skill acquisition investments for employees at high risk of becoming unemployed.
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• We will update the vocational training curriculum in line with the professions of the future and provide students with new transferable skills that they can use in different areas.

• We will establish Technology High Schools within the Organized Industrial Zones (OIZs) where the relevant stakeholders are also part of their administration.

SCIENCE, R&D, INNOVATION, ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

• We will implement our science policy with an understanding focusing on human, freedom, democratic education, scientific thinking, entrepreneurship, and technology production.

• We will make the Supreme Council of Science and Technology operational again.

• We will implement the High Talent Building Emergency Action Plan.

• We will include Turkey in the international research and innovation networks from which it is increasingly excluded.

• We will prepare and implement a multidimensional Brain Drain Action Plan.

• We will create suitable economic and social conditions for our trained human resources and improve academicians’ rights and incomes.

• We will provide scholarships and research opportunities to attract talented artificial intelligence researchers from abroad to the country and ensure that they stay in the country.

• We will make TÜBİTAK (Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey) an institution that only conducts advanced research in critical areas together with research institutes.

• We will create the National Innovation System by coordinating the relevant ministries and institutions.

• We will make all of Turkey a technopark by ensuring that technopark incentives are independent of physical space.

• We will place our innovative, green, and digitally transformed entrepreneurs at the centre of our self-sufficiency.

• By enacting the New Enterprise Companies (Start-Up) Law, we will provide a clear framework for the legal definitions, statuses, financial obligations, and incentives related to entrepreneurship.
• We will appoint Special Envoys/Ambassadors to places where globally successful entrepreneurial ecosystems are located, such as Silicon Valley.

• We will establish an Entrepreneurship Centre to meet all the needs of our entrepreneurs from a single stop.

• We will create and strengthen the necessary legal and accounting infrastructure for “Employee Share Options”.

• We will establish the Ministry of Information and Innovation.

• We will increase the length of Fibre/Optics to 2 million kilometres as soon as possible.

• We will examine all ongoing concession contracts, past processes and transfer legislation in the telecommunication sector and implement a new authorization regime in accordance with the standards of developed countries.

• We will transfer the Türk Telekom and Turkcell shares transferred to the Wealth Fund to the Treasury and ensure that they are managed independently according to contemporary governance principles.

• We will define access to the internet as a fundamental human right and ensure that our citizens have access to secure, fast, cheap, and uncensored internet everywhere.

• We will reduce taxes on internet access, Digital Service Tax and Information and Communication Technologies Authority (BTK) deductions.

• We will reform the law on online broadcasts to protect freedom of expression and personal privacy in line with universal, pluralistic, and democratic principles and through broad consultation.

• We will prevent using public surveillance power as a weapon against political opponents.
SECTORAL POLICIES

Agriculture

- We will restructure the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry as the “Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security”.

- We will fulfil the provision, which has never been complied with until now, in Article 21 of the Agricultural Law that the resource to be allocated from the budget for agricultural support programmes shall not be less than one percent of the gross national product.

- We will remove the excise duty burden on the diesel used in agriculture and give back 50 percent of the fertilizer and seed cost as support.

- We will apply reduced electricity tariffs in agriculture and ensure that irrigation and electricity bills are collected after harvest.

- We will use the electricity produced with the Solar Powerplant (GES) license to be allocated to the Agricultural Credit Cooperatives only for agricultural irrigation purposes in exchange for operation, depreciation, and electricity transmission costs.

- We will set the base prices for basic agricultural products taking into account cost, exchange rate, and inflation and providing our farmers with a decent income.

- We will announce the purchase prices of agricultural products before planting, give input support before the farmer ploughs the field, milks, and slaughters the livestock, and pay the other support payments within 90 days after production.

- We will cancel the interest incurred on our farmers’ loans granted by banks and Agricultural Credit Cooperatives and restructure them.

- We will plan our farmers’ Agriculture BAĞ-KUR (Social Security Organization for Artisans and Self-employed) premium payments to be paid interest-free after harvest and ensure that they benefit from health insurance.

- We will protect raw milk and meat producers against increases in feed prices by introducing the parity practice.

- We will generate alternative livelihoods that will increase the income of forest villagers and provide the necessary support and incentives.

- We will focus on the main function of the Agricultural Credit Cooperatives and ensure that agricultural inputs such as fertilizers, pesticides, seeds, and feed, for which we are import dependent, are produced in Turkey and investments are made to ensure stability in input prices.
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- We will create a fast and strong agricultural insurance structure by restructuring TARŞİM (Insurance of Agriculture).

- We will register all Class 1, 2 and 3 agricultural lands and some of Class 4 agricultural lands as “National Food Security Strategic Resource” and prevent their use for non-agricultural purposes.

- We will prioritize the completion of infrastructure investments within the scope of the South-eastern Anatolia Project (GAP), Konya Plain Project (KOP) and Eastern Anatolia Project (DAP), especially irrigation canals.

- We will eliminate the deficiencies in legal arrangements related to food security and raise awareness.

- We will limit agricultural product import permits through the Inward Processing Regime for products that are not produced or cannot be produced in sufficient quantities. We will issue these permits transparently in a competitive environment.

- We will provide social security premium support to women and young people under 30 working in agriculture.

- We will initiate the “Seasonal Living Spaces” project to improve the living standards of seasonal agricultural workers, including accommodation, health, and cleaning. We will ensure that their children attend the nearest educational institution by covering their transportation and feeding costs.

Industry and Technology, Defence Industry

- We will make the industrial sector an important element of the economy based on production and efficiency and increase the manufacturing industry’s share of national income.

- We will increase the share of high-tech products in the manufacturing industry exports to 10 percent and the medium-high technology share to 40 percent.

- We will establish valleys for industry, technology, and cyber security nationwide equipped with modern infrastructure and social areas and developed based on talent management, connectivity, eco-friendly production, innovation, and digitalization.

- We will ensure that the 15% price advantage applied in the supply of domestic products is also applied in leasing tenders through the purchase of services.

- We will prepare a ‘Green Transformation R&D Support Package’ for industrial facilities likely to be adversely affected by the Green Transformation to adapt to this transformation.
• We will present incentives and supports based on a holistic approach that considers the elements such as the integrity of the production chain, economies of scale, efficiency, digital and green transformation, globally competitive environment, net added value, leap and growth potential, attention to registration, financing, institutional capacity, reducing development differences between regions and sustainability.

• We will implement the “Project Based Incentive System” objectively, fairly, and transparently.

• We will reduce Turkey’s import dependency in the defence sector, create an ecosystem that will act as a pioneer in developing advanced industrial technologies, increase the strength and deterrence of our armed forces, and develop high-value-added exports by taking our defence industry to much higher levels.

• We will pave the way for the private sector in the defence industry and ensure fair competition.

• We will manage large procurement projects such that they do not contradict Turkey’s foreign policy and are in accordance with the concrete security atmosphere and needs without causing any disruption in the structure and planning of the forces.

• We will allocate a separate and special budget for the realistic implementation and complete indigenization of National Combat Aircraft, Jet Training Aircraft, Altay Tank, TF 2000 Frigate, 4G and 5G base station and network infrastructure, military surveillance and communication satellites, and similar projects the development schedules of which are constantly delayed. We will also allocate the required qualified personnel.

• We will complete the engine supply process for the Altay Tank, give a start to the indigenous engine projects parallel to this, and continue the 100% indigenous tank projects with a great mobilization move and achieve success.

• We will transform ASELSAN, TAI, MKE, Roketsan, TEI and HAVELSAN into global companies through consolidation, strategic acquisitions, mergers, venture capital investments and effective planning and with the active support of the private sector.

• As per the principles of national interest and security, we will not go for privatizing military factories that would undermine critical capabilities and services.

• We will cancel the allocation procedures of Sakarya Tank Pallet Factory as per legislation.
**Energy and Mining**

- We will review the duties and responsibilities of the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources and put an end to its intervention in the jurisdiction of the Energy Market Regulatory Authority (EMRA).

- We will establish an ‘Energy Consumer Portal’ to follow up on intensive consumer complaints in electricity, natural gas, and fuel markets from a single centre.

- Instead of incentives and subsidies that will disrupt the supply-demand balance in the energy sector, we will provide direct financial support through the budget to not oppress citizens, industrialists, and tradespeople under high prices.

- We will put an end to permanent daylight-saving time.

- We will establish a committee to examine the contracts concluded with electricity generation and distribution companies. We will take all necessary steps as per law, including the termination of the contract, against the companies that act contrary to the contracts and do not fulfil their commitments in terms of investment, service quality and similar issues in the contracts.

- We will redesign the Mechanism for Supporting Renewable Energy Sources (YEKDEM) according to changing market conditions and prices.

- We will evaluate all alternatives in wind energy, including horizontal, vertical, onshore, and offshore facilities, and support R&D and investment activities.

- We will make the electric vehicle charging station network available all over Turkey by 2025.

- We will conclude contracts with new source countries to reduce the risk of dependence on certain countries/companies in natural gas imports and reduce the cost of natural gas imports. We will renegotiate existing high-priced natural gas contracts.

- We will develop a ‘Turkish Nuclear Ecosystem’ by establishing a Nuclear Research and Training Centre based on new-generation nuclear technologies.

- We will review the current status of the Akkuyu Nuclear Power Plant Project and the contract details, the rights granted outside the contract, or the obligations assumed.

- We will make Turkey the largest Energy Trade Hub of the Eastern Europe-Caucasus-Middle East-North Africa basin.

- We will sign international treaties on exclusive economic zones and intensify exploration activities while protecting our rights in the Eastern Mediterranean.
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- We will accelerate identifying Turkey’s mineral resources and increase the sector’s share in national income.

- We will enact a new mining law to replace Mining Law No. 3213, amended countless times to date and whose integrity has been significantly damaged.

- We will repeal Presidential Circular No. 2018/8 on the immovable properties of public institutions and organizations that block the mining sector.

- We will determine the ‘Principles of Responsible Mining’ by prioritizing Occupational Health and Safety and Environment awareness.

**Transportation and Logistics**

- We will enhance the structure of the transportation sector to make Turkey an attractive production and logistics hub in international trade, offer safe and technological innovations, and accelerate development.

- We will introduce alternative transportation types and systems, especially modern rail systems, metro, railway, sea routes and inland waterways for urban and intercity passenger and freight transportation.

- We will cancel the Canal Istanbul project on the day we take office and examine the works and transactions carried out to date from legal, economic, ecological, and technical perspectives.

- We will connect all city centres with divided roads.

- We will establish a “Railway Regulation and Supervision Agency” that will regulate and supervise railway safety procedures, training of personnel, safety rules for railway vehicles and similar issues.

- We will rapidly complete the non-progressive projects such as Karaman-Ulukışla, Mersin-Konya, Mersin-Adana-Osmaniye-Gaziantep, İzmir-Manisa-Uşak-Afyonkarahisar-Ankara and Ankara-Bursa-Bandırma high-speed train projects, start the Antalya-Konya-Aksaray-Kayseri project immediately, and increase the number of safe High-Speed Train and Speed Train lines.

- We will quickly complete the Northern Marmara Railway project, which includes the Halkalı-Kapıkule high-speed train line and the passage through the Yavuz Sultan Selim Bridge.

- We will accelerate the access of the provinces in Central and Eastern Anatolia to the ports with the North-South High-Speed Train Railway Project.

- We will also build double lines for the necessary places so that the railway network will
reach the provinces that are still not connected and thus provide access to logistics centres, production centres and ports.

• We will establish the only authorized and independent Civil Aviation Regulation and Supervision Board in civil aviation.

• We will deepen the existing airline connection network through cross-flights and increase the number of charter flights between destinations to enhance domestic flights and support the development of low-cost air transport.

• We will make Atatürk Airport available for flights again and ensure that Esenboğa Airport becomes an alternative for Anatolian cities for international flights.

• We will increase the authority of the Port Authorities to carry out the services provided by various institutions in our ports from a single source.

• We will create sea highways for domestic freight transportation between the Mediterranean, Aegean, Marmara, and Black Sea ports.

• We will ensure that the ports to be identified in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea function as the main distribution hubs and reach the capacity sufficient for short-sea shipping to the countries in the region.

• We will quickly prepare Turkey for Logistics 4.0 Transformation and make our country a Global and Regional Logistics Hub using big data and smart transportation technologies.

• We will establish end-to-end digital and widely automated blockchain-based Digital Customs to accelerate customs and transportation processes.

**Foreign Trade, Domestic Trade and Competition Policy**

• We will remove the obligation for exporters to sell 40% of their foreign exchange income to the Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey (CBRT).

• We will strengthen Eximbank’s capital and enable it to benefit more from long-term and favourable funding opportunities.

• We will revise the structure of the Turkish Exporters Assembly and Exporters’ Associations and ensure that resources are directed to the exporter institutions that are in need instead of political connections.

• We will restructure the Investment Support Agency and enable the agency to offer consultancy services through digital tools.

• We will reactivate the Export Development Centre (İGEME) through a public-private partnership.
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• We will make the Foreign Economic Relations Board (DEİK) independent again.

• We will accelerate negotiations with the European Union to update the Customs Union Agreement.

• We will review inward processing practices to prevent unfair competition in domestic production.

• We will establish a Coordination Board to improve communication and cooperation between the Competition Authority and sectoral regulatory authorities.

• We will ensure that administrative fines for cases such as giving incomplete, false or misleading information to the Competition Authority, refusing to provide information and obstructing the on-site examination that the Authority's personnel are obliged to carry out function as deterrent.

• We will ensure that the relevant departments of the Council of State are again empowered instead of the Administrative Courts as the appellate authority of the decisions of the Competition Board.

• We will increase the administrative and financial capacities of the Consumer Arbitration Committees, determine criteria such as training and experience for the selection of members, and increase the transparency and accessibility of decisions.

• We will put an end to the monopolistic and oligopolistic structures in the food value chain by making the necessary amendments to the Wholesale Market Law and the Law on the Regulation of Retail Trade.

Small and Medium Enterprises and Tradespeople and Craftspeople

• We will create a production-oriented, safe, fair, and fast-running support system to improve SMEs’ R&D and innovation, production, marketing, and export capabilities, to increase their competitiveness and facilitate their access to finance.

• We will effectively increase overseas market research, mentoring and financing support to increase our SMEs’ national and international e-commerce capacities.

• We will increase the volume of loans granted to SMEs and enable them to benefit more from innovative financing opportunities such as venture capital, crowdfunding, and impact investing.

• We will ensure that KOSGEB’s databases, human resources and budget means reach the size and quality required by our SMEs.

• We will restructure the Ministry of Commerce into the Ministry of Tradespeople and Trade.
• We will cancel the interest rates of the loans and the interest rates of BAĞ-KUR and tax debts tradespeople used during the pandemic and ensure that the remaining principal is paid in the appropriate term.

• We will ensure that the tradespeople who are part of the Tradespeople Guild Fund benefit from practices such as reducing the contribution share rate and compensating for the loss of income through short-time work allowance.

• We will quickly introduce the required arrangements to protect our small-sized tradespeople against chain markets, large markets, and shopping malls and prevent unfair competition.

**Tourism**

• We will prepare a Tourism Strategy and Master Plan and enact a framework law for tourism.

• We will restructure the Tourism Promotion and Development Agency of Turkey to cover all stakeholders, to promote more effectively, to produce concrete projects for the development of the sector, to find quick solutions to problems with common sense, and to consist of capable personnel.

• We will prevent unearned incomes from zoning and abuse of zoning in tourism areas.

• We will re-examine tourism allocations and take the necessary steps regarding those who are not eligible.

• We will strictly control practices that prevent everyone from enjoying the coasts equally and freely.

• We will support health, festival, sports, nature, camping, caravan, history, culture, faith, museum, thermal, youth, third age, yacht, cruise, agriculture, gastronomy, shopping, congress, and fair tourism to reduce seasonal dependence on tourism, spread tourism to 12 months, increase the number of incoming qualified tourists and ensure diversification in the sector.

• We will support digital transformation in tourism through applications such as “Smart Tourism”, “Smart Destination”, “Smart City”, and “Smart Hotels”.

• We will leave a large part of the accommodation tax levied on hotels to local governments to promote the city and develop tourism.
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Culture

- We will review Law No. 5846 on Intellectual and Artistic Works and the related secondary legislation with an understanding to remove the obstacles before freedom of artistic expression.

- We will increase the budget resources allocated to culture and arts and encourage the private sector to support this area more.

- We will eliminate the problems related to self-employed artists’ social security and pension rights.

- We will ensure that the public sector’s support for culture and arts is transparent based on pre-declared objective criteria and evaluated by impartial committees. We will meticulously monitor the appropriate use of the support provided.

- We will protect artists’ copyrights and will take every measure to protect artists against infringement and piracy.

- We will effectively fight for the return of our historical artifacts smuggled abroad.

- We will make Turkey a country that is known not for festival bans but for festival incentives.

- We will support the film and series sector’s exports, which have come to the fore in recent years.

- We’ll update the Wonder Child Law to bring it into force again.

Climate Change, Environment, Nature and Animal Rights, Forests and Water Management

- We will restructure the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change as the “Ministry of Climate, Environment and Forestry”.

- We will enact a Climate Law and harmonize the relevant regulations with this law.

- We will appoint a Special Envoy for Climate.

- We will fulfil the target and requirements of the Paris Climate Agreement and set a Net Zero Carbon Emission target for 2050 in line with the principles of the agreement.

- We will establish the Climate Bank as an independent and specialized financing institution to support green transformation.

- On the one hand, while negotiating the situation that has arisen against Turkey as a result
of the European Union’s Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism within the framework of the Customs Union, on the other hand, we will prevent our exporter companies from paying taxes outside Turkey by implementing carbon pricing systems that operate effectively at home.

- We will phase out coal through a certain programme as soon as possible to meet the “net zero” emission targets by 2050.
- We will enact the Animal Rights Act, which will constitutionally guarantee animal rights and enhance existing rights.
- We will meet the requirements of the commitment we endorsed at COP26 in Glasgow to ‘reverse and end deforestation by 2030’.
- We will repeal Article 16 of the Appendix to the Forest Law, which gives the President the power to change the status of the forest area.
- We will include the firefighting aircraft to be purchased with the income generated by selling the aircraft in the presidential inventory to the forest firefighting fleet.
- We will ensure that new forests grow in the burnt forest areas in line with forestry science, and we will definitely not allow any other activities to take place in these places.
- We will manage water under the newly established “Ministry of Climate, Environment and Forestry”.
- We will immediately enact a Water Law that will protect watersheds, wetlands, and our water assets, ensure their survival, and ensure the legal guarantee of everyone’s right to access free, reliable water without discrimination.
- We will make tap water drinkable all over Turkey.
- We will ensure the construction of ‘Wastewater Treatment Plants’ in all residential areas and will not allow loans and approvals to be given to wastewater canal projects that do not include treatment plants.
- We will support projects that consider “Water Footprint” calculations in all areas, especially in industrial areas.
Urbanization and Disaster Management

• We will establish the Ministry of Urbanization and Disaster Management.

• We will develop long-term plans for our cities, not short-term ones, based on personal benefits.

• We will start working on incorporating the concept of ‘Crimes Committed Against the City’ into the legal system.

• We will carry out urban transformation with an understanding focusing on the environment and people, not any unearned incomes, that increases resilience to disaster risks, does not destroy the urban identity, respects nature and history, and prioritizes disadvantaged and disabled citizens.

• We will ensure that the Master Plan, which will function as the city’s constitution, is developed based on scientific methods according to the history, statistical data, and functions compatible with the city’s identity.

• We will ensure that the zoning plan amendments are not plot-based but region-based, and we will hold a referendum for the projects that will impact the majority of the people in the region.

• We will put an end to local zoning plan amendments and precedents to generate unearned income or provide income to local governments.

• We will develop the 15-minute city/self-sufficient neighbourhood model through special support.

• We will make cities disabled-friendly places, measure, and score at the city/district/neighbourhood level over certain metrics and ensure that local governments make the necessary improvements.

• We will restore AFAD’s (Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency) status and reputation as an organization, separate it from the Ministry of Interior, and restructure it as a rule-maker, facilitator, coordinator, supporter, and controller.

• We will ensure that the collected disaster taxes are spent on measures to reduce the disaster’s damages and on rehabilitation works to return to normal after a disaster.

• We will launch the Hayat Istanbul Project, which aims to reduce the risk of the Istanbul earthquake.

• We will develop DASK to cover all types of disasters and non-residential structures.
• We will provide temporary accommodation, goods, and rent assistance to property owners and tenants whose houses have become “uninhabitable” after a disaster.

• We will end the issuance of zoning amnesties that neutralize disaster management.

**EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

• We will organize educational institutions and processes regardless of gender, ethnicity, religion, language, place of residence, health status, and socio-economic conditions based on an inclusive understanding that guarantees equal and fair opportunity and the right to quality education.

• We will provide free milk, water, and lunch to students in public schools.

• We will provide textbooks free of charge to all preschool, primary and secondary school students without any further need for additional auxiliary books. We will do this to contribute to local tradespeople’s business and the economy.

• We will meet the stationery, schoolbag and clothing needs and internet access of students in need in public schools from kindergarten to university free of charge through the “Education Support Card”.

• We will ensure exam security not to hurt the public conscience.

• We will develop a process-oriented system, not an exam-oriented one, for the transition to secondary education.

• We will put an end to the practices that change from year to the next in the high school entrance exams and abolish the LGS exam in time.

• We will offer multiple exams throughout the year instead of only once for placement in a university.

• We will implement compulsory education as 1 + 5 + 4 + 3, i.e., one year of preschool, five years of primary school, four years of secondary school and three years of high school education.

• We will provide preschool education free of charge, making it compulsory for one year and optionally provide early childhood education for three-year-olds and older ones by creating relevant infrastructures.

• We will offer a holistic approach to language, intelligence and skill development, familiarity with nature, values education and personal, physical, and educational development starting from Age 3.
• We will organize the 5th year of the 5-year primary school in the form of an academic preparation programme for secondary education and the first year of the 4-year secondary school in the form of a foreign language and coding preparatory class.

• We will ensure that children develop awareness about universal ethics, human rights, justice, health, environment and animal rights, culture, art, science, and sports in primary school education, update the curriculum to increase awareness about technology and innovation, and help students develop a programming and entrepreneurship philosophy through techniques such as gamification.

• We will ensure that students learn at least one foreign language and acquire coding skills through software using digital content and media.

• In high school education, we will shift from a purely informative and exam-oriented approach to a system guiding social, emotional, and scientific thinking, professional tendency, social awareness, and acquiring an identity as an individual.

• We will abolish the Higher Education Council and establish a board with limited duties to plan higher education and ensure coordination between higher education institutions without interfering with the academic, administrative, and financial autonomy of higher education institutions.

• We will ensure that the management and supervision of higher education institutions are carried out by the bodies they form by election among their faculty members.

• We will aim to reach the OECD average for the number of students per teacher.

• We will amend the Teaching Profession Law, improve teachers’ personal rights, and put an end to grouping teachers as teachers, expert teachers, and head teachers.

  • We will abolish the interviewing process in teacher appointments and reduce the number of teachers awaiting appointment.

  • We will remove all barriers to access to education for disadvantaged children with special educational needs.

  • We will identify gifted and talented students based on objective criteria and open private schools, prepare special support programmes, and provide out-of-school education opportunities and scholarships for these students.
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Social Benefits, Social Services, Social Security and Work Life

• We will continue integrating the social assistance provided by different institutions and organizations into the Integrated Social Assistance Information System, keep the system constantly up-to-date and use it effectively.

• We, as the State, will provide “Income Support” on a family basis, in line with a rights-based, supply-oriented, and institutionalized structure to raise low-income families to a decent life level.

• We will raise the cash benefits provided for children’s healthcare and education, with consideration for the costs of care, food, clothing, and transportation.

• We will provide food support, including milk and baby formula, to low-income families for new-borns for one year.

• We will provide heating assistance to low-income families in winter.

• We will accelerate building social housing and ensure that low-income families can own housing by paying instalments as if paying rent or renting one at a low cost.

• We will ensure that the Mass Housing Administration focuses on the production of Social Housing, which is its main task, and we will allocate the resources needed to this end.

• We will shift to a system in which the monthly pension rate increases in line with increases in insured working time. We will encourage long-term employees to work longer in order to receive higher pensions.

• We will consider inflation and the share of welfare due to growth for pension increases.

• We will improve the optional insurance system for housewives who have the right to retirement in the number and rate of premium payment days and the maternity borrowing related to the births they had given before they were insured.

• We will not collect the contribution fees pensioners pay for healthcare services.

• We will increase the pensions paid to widows and orphans.

• We will eliminate the deficiencies, injustices, and imbalances in the 3600 additional indicator regulations.

• We will adopt ILO Convention No. 175 on part-time work.

• We will ratify ILO Convention No. 189 on “Decent Work for Domestic Workers”.

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• We will ratify ILO Convention No. 131 on determining the minimum wage.

• We will ensure that more unemployed people receive higher benefits for a longer period from the unemployment allowance.

• We will review the severance pay system in dialogue with social parties.

• We will raise occupational health and safety standards to ILO standards.

• We will align the legislation regulating trade unions with ILO and EU standards.

**Disabled People, Citizens 65 and Over, Relatives of Martyrs and Veterans**

• We will improve the domestic legislation in line with the Concluding Observations of the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

• We will fill the existing quotas reserved for persons with disabilities in the public and private sectors.

• We will update disability pensions, care allowances, and material supports according to current conditions, considering high inflation.

• According to current conditions, we will update the Social Security Institution contribution fees for prostheses and orthoses citizens with disabilities use.

• We will ensure that cities, public buildings, workplaces, cultural centres such as cinemas and theatres, educational institutions and public transport vehicles are accessible for disabled people at international standards. We will carry out inspections in this regard meticulously.

• We will increase the pensions for the elderly.

• We will ensure that citizens over 65 benefit from cultural, art and sports activities free of charge.

• We will eliminate the mess on the issue of granting martyrdom and veteran status and the imbalances in the salaries paid to the families of martyrs and disabled veterans by making the required arrangements in the “Martyrs’ Families and Veterans Law” and other relevant legislation.

• We will share transparently with the public what happened to 310 million liras collected as a donation for the relatives of the July 15 martyrs, veterans, and relatives of veterans and 52 million liras collected for the victims of the Beşiktas terrorist act and other sources collected to be spent for the families of the martyrs and veterans. We will deliver these sources to their interlocutors as promised.
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- We will increase the salary paid to the parents of martyrs.

- We will ensure that bonuses are paid to the families of the martyrs on March 18, Martyrs’ Day, and to disabled veterans on September 19, Veterans Day.

Healthcare

- We will make primary care the focus of healthcare services provision, and by preparing the gradual referral chain infrastructure, we will reduce the patient burden on secondary and tertiary care.

- We will restore the reputation healthcare personnel deserve in society by improving their working conditions, wages and personal rights and making new arrangements in additional indicators.

- We will reorganize the performance-based income system and increase the salary-performance ratio in favour of salary.

- We will launch a ‘Homecoming’ Project for healthcare personnel who have gone abroad.

- We will aim to reach the OECD average regarding the number of healthcare personnel.

- We will ensure that the rights of patients and healthcare personnel are respected.

- We will ensure effective investigation and prosecution of cases of violence in the healthcare sector, make penalties and sanctions more deterrent, and ensure that good conduct and execution reductions are not applied to crimes of violence against healthcare personnel.

- Instead of high-capacity hospitals, we will spread hospitals to different regions in a way to distribute homogeneously transport and access means and patient capacity and use budget resources.

- We will reopen the state hospitals closed on the grounds of City Hospitals as per need analysis.

- We will reopen GATA and other military hospitals.

- We will quickly conclude the opening of the Refik Saydam Sanitation Institute as the “Public Hygiene- Vaccine and Biotechnological Product Research and Production Centre of Turkey”.

- We will review the pharmacy drug price decree to eliminate production, distribution, and sales problems, prevent the nonavailability of medicines and ensure financial sustainability at the same time.
Women, Family and Children

- We will restructure the Ministry of Family and Social Services as the “Ministry of Women, Family and Children”.

- We will support women’s participation in decision-making and management processes in the Parliament, local governments, political parties, and public institutions based on gender equality, increase women’s representation, and pursue a policy that prioritizes protecting women’s rights.

- We will pave the way for women’s entrepreneurship by strengthening and differentiating the supports and incentives we will provide in relation to entrepreneurship and employment in a way that will benefit women.

- We will launch a Social Fight Campaign against Violence Against Women and implement effective solutions under the themes of “Prevention, Protection, Prosecution and Support Policies” related to all forms of violence.

- We will reduce the tax burden on women’s hygiene products, which are basic needs.

- We will ensure that women working in the public and private sectors are granted administrative leave on March 8, International Women’s Day.

- We will expand services such as pre-marriage training, family counselling and divorce counselling.

- We will strengthen and expand marriage benefits and supports.

- We will comply with the obligations of the Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Abuse and Sexual Exploitation (Lanzorete Convention).

  - We will establish an independent ‘Children’s Rights Monitoring Board’.

  - We will take under institutional protection all children forced to live on the street, work and beg.

  - We will fight against child labour in a data-driven and planned manner with the participation of relevant stakeholders.

  - We will prevent children from being forced into marriage at an early age.
Youth, Sports and the Fight Against Drugs

- We will prepare the National Youth Strategy.
- We will start working on establishing a United Nations Youth Centre in Istanbul.
- We will issue passports to young people free of charge and will not charge fees for going abroad.
- We will increase the amount of Credit and Dormitories Institution (KYK) loans and scholarships.
- We will extend the non-repayment period of 2 years for the Credit and Dormitories Institution (KYK) loans, postpone payments for those left unemployed while payments continue, and arrange the monthly instalment payments such that they do not exceed a reasonable proportion of monthly income.
- We will offer students the option of paying their Credit and Dormitories Institution (KYK) loans in a short time by working on social responsibility projects and in a way that minimizes the negative effects on their lives.
- We will support youth employment by strengthening and differentiating the grants, taxes, premiums, loans, other financing, and similar incentives we will provide to increase employment in favour of young people.
- We will increase the representation of young people in Parliament, local governments, and the decision-making mechanisms of political parties, especially at public institutions’ middle and upper management levels.
- We will establish a General Directorate for Talent Tracking and Development under the Ministry of Youth and Sports.
- We will reduce the tax burden on sports equipment.
- We will promote sustainable and innovative insurance and financing models in the sports sector.
- We will put an end to political interference in the presidential elections of federations, ensure that the elections are held democratically, make the federations fully autonomous, and put an end to political nepotism in the federations and all kinds of kinship relations.
- We will prepare an Emergency Action Plan for Combating Drugs and develop drug-related social risk maps for the provinces.
- We will prevent drug lords and members of organized crime organizations from carrying out activities in Turkey.
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• We will secure our borders and prevent the entry of drugs by illegal immigrants.

• We will prohibit the toleration, recommendation, production, possession, transportation, trade, and use of addictive substances.

• We will ensure that civilian narco-teams are constantly on duty in schools and their immediate surroundings during school breaks and lunch breaks to save young people from drug gangs.

• We will at least double the penalties for drug or chemical drug dealers selling to youth under 18 and continuing their education. We will make legal arrangements to prevent benefitting from a reduction in sentence for these crimes.

• We will renovate AMATEMs (Alcohol and Substance Addiction Treatment Centre) and ÇEMATEMs (Substance Addiction Treatment Centre for Children and Adolescents) according to current conditions and strengthen their infrastructure, equipment, beds, and personnel.

FOREIGN POLICY, DEFENCE, SECURITY AND MIGRATION POLICIES

Foreign Policy

• We will again adopt the slogan of “Peace at Home, Peace in the World”, the cornerstone of our foreign policy, as our basic foreign policy principle.

• We will put an end to practices based on domestic political calculations and ideological approaches in foreign policy.

• We will reinstate the role and duty of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in foreign policy making decisions and practices.

• We will introduce a comprehensive, objective, and reliable examination system free from political preferences and based on competency and merit.

• We will strive for our citizens living abroad and the NGOs they establish to be Turkey’s soft power and an effective public diplomacy tool.

• We will establish an Academy of Diplomacy under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

• We will work to complete the accession process within the framework of dialogue, justice, and equality in line with our goal of full membership in the European Union.

• We will ensure that Turkey and the EU approach the refugee problem with shared responsibility and burden sharing, and we will review the 2014 Readmission Agreement and the 18 March 2016 Agreement.
• As a founding member of the Council of Europe and as required by our Constitution, we will comply with the ECHR and its other legal documents and implement the decisions of the ECHR.

• We will continue to offer our contribution to NATO on a rational basis and with our national interests in mind.

• We will strengthen the Organization of Turkic States.

• We will improve our position in organizations such as the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization, the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, the Organization of Economic Cooperation, and the D8 and the role of these organizations in international relations.

• We will respect the independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity of the countries in the Middle East, will not interfere in their internal affairs, and will not “take sides” in the problems between them but “facilitate solutions”.

• We will meet with all relevant parties to find a permanent solution to the Israeli-Palestinian problem within the framework of UN resolutions and based on the principle of two states. We will also ensure that Turkey takes its place at the table as a reliable facilitator on the Palestinian issue.

• We will further strengthen our fraternal ties with Azerbaijan based on the principle of mutual trust.

• We will prevent Turkey’s isolation in the Eastern Mediterranean and prioritize achieving results through multiple negotiation processes in the delimitation of maritime jurisdiction areas and the fair sharing of hydrocarbon resources.

• We will pursue the objectives of protecting the acquired rights of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus and the Turkish Cypriots and ensuring the sovereign political equality of the two communities to find a just and lasting solution to our national cause, the Cyprus problem.

• The Aegean Sea should be seen as an area of peace, cooperation, and good neighbourliness. We will work to achieve this goal and will not allow any development that may harm our areas of sovereignty in the Aegean Sea.

• We will establish relations with the United States of America on an institutional basis with an understanding that both parties are equal and advance the alliance relationship based on mutual trust.

• We will take initiatives for Turkey to return to the F-35 project.

• We will maintain relations with the Russian Federation with an understanding that both
parties are equal and strengthened by balanced and constructive dialogue at the institutional level.

- We will develop quality relations with Africa in many ways beyond merely seeing the continent as an area where we open a representative office and turn Turkey-Africa Summits into a regular and functional process.

- We will build our “Asia vision” on strengthening our relations with the countries in the region at the bilateral level and enriching these bilateral relations by diversifying them through multiple cooperation mechanisms.

- We will evaluate our relations with organizations such as the Shanghai Cooperation Organization and ASEAN on a realistic and sustainable basis.

**National Defence, Homeland Security, Counterterrorism and Cyber Security**

- We will equip our army with high-tech systems to carry out the assigned tasks and strengthen intelligence, reconnaissance, strike power and other operational capabilities.

- We will review the organizational structure of the Ministry of National Defence and reconnect the Force Commands to the General Staff.

- We will reopen the military high schools, the military academies, all schools that train staff officers, officers and non-commissioned officers, and the effective systems that have been abolished.

- We will organize a comprehensive Security Council every year with the participation of the representatives of security institutions, academics, non-governmental organizations, professional chambers, and all relevant parties.

- We will continue the fight against all terrorist organizations and terrorism without any interruption by using all our power elements.

- We will actively work on the extradition of terrorists who have fled abroad.

- We will strengthen regional and international cooperation on the cross-border activities of organized crime groups.

- We will establish a Security Committee, above the security organization, with the equal representation of parties in the Grand National Assembly of Turkey, equipped with the authority of “ombudsmanship” on behalf of the people and the security personnel.

- We will revise the National Cyber Security Strategy Document with the participation of all relevant sectors and prepare action plans for the public and private sectors.
• We will continuously check our cybersecurity level through regular Cyber Security Coalition exercises to strengthen our cyber defence force.

**Migration and Asylum Seeker Policies**

• We will restructure the institutions related to asylum seekers, especially the Directorate of Migration Management, and strengthen the management and personnel infrastructures.

• We will conclude Readmission Agreements with the source countries of irregular migration.

• We will not allow Turkey to be treated as a “buffer country.”

• We will fortify our borders with electro-optical towers, lighting systems, night vision cameras, unmanned aerial vehicles, integrated security systems and walls when necessary, and we will never allow illegal passage.

• We will increase the number and capacity of removal centres.

• We will end the practice of granting Turkish citizenship in exchange for purchasing real estate, government debt securities, mutual funds or opening foreign currency deposits or private pension accounts.

• We will not allow asylum seekers to have access to uncontrolled concentrations or ghettoization on a neighbourhood, district, and provincial basis.

• We will ensure that Syrians under Temporary Protection return safely to their country as soon as possible and in accordance with domestic and international laws.
INTRODUCTION

As the six political parties representing the political spectrum of society in the widest range, we came together on 12 February 2022 for a historic unity that Turkey has been hoping to see for long years and started the process of building “Tomorrow's Turkey”.

In this process, we have demonstrated our determination to jointly put into practice the “Strengthened Parliamentary System” in which the separation of powers is instituted through an effective and participatory legislative; a stable, transparent and accountable executive, an independent and impartial judiciary; and to implement a “New Generation” development strategy which fortifies our efficiency, innovation and competitiveness in production, establishes security of supply in critical areas such as agriculture, energy, defence industry and health, increases qualified and high-quality employment opportunities, embraces everyone in the growth process, ensures a fair distribution of wealth and addresses sustainability in all its dimensions, especially the environment.

In order to realize this vision, as we agreed in our meeting on October 2, 2022, we have set out in full agreement more than 2300 concrete goals, policies, and projects under 9 main themes and 75 sub-themes.

With our Memorandum of Understanding on Common Policies, in the second century of our Republic, we will make sure that Turkey will have:

• A liberal, pluralistic, and participatory democracy,

• A transparent and accountable public administration based on competence and merit, which is citizen-oriented and completely free from corruption,

• A productive, internationally competitive, resilient, stable, and inclusive economy that leaves no one behind,

• A level of science and technology that will make the country a centre of attraction,

• An education system that raises the new generations with free minds, wisdom, and clear consciences,

• A respectable, reliable, strong, and effective position in its region and in the world.
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We will shift to a Strengthened Parliamentary System for a strong, liberal, democratic, and just system in which the separation of powers is established through an effective and participatory legislative; a stable, transparent, and accountable executive; and an independent and impartial judiciary.

We will urgently put into practice the constitutional and legislative amendments that need to be made in line with the Memorandum of Understanding on a Strengthened Parliamentary System.

**Legislative Reform**

- In order to ensure participatory, effective, and transparent legislative activities and to ensure pluralism in these processes, we will prepare a new Rules of Procedure of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey and require an absolute majority of the total number of members for amending the Rules of Procedure.

- We will ensure effective representation of the opposition in the formation and functioning of Parliamentary committees which directly affect the nature of legislative activities, increase the support services for deputies for legislative activities and strengthen the committees in terms of their technical capacity.

- In order to ensure that legislative activities can be carried out freely, without constraints and independently, we will abolish the exception to parliamentary immunity arising from Article 14 of the Constitution.

- We will ensure that high-quality law-making processes are carried out to democratize law-making processes:
  - We will put an end to the practice of enacting “omnibus laws”, which is incompatible with the essence of democracy, which contradict the principles of certainty and predictability that are among the fundamental elements of the rule of law, which weakens the parliamentary activities of the Members of the Parliament and renders participation, debate, and negotiation ineffective within the Parliament.
  - We will give the Council of Ministers the power to issue decrees having the force of law, provided that the subject, limits and duration of such decrees are clearly stated in the enabling law, and we will prevent the regulation of fundamental rights and freedoms by decrees having the force of law.
  - To strengthen the legislative branch, we will terminate the veto power of the President over acts of Parliament and grant the President only the right to “return bills” to the Parliament for reconsideration.
  - During the discussion of legislative proposals and drafts at committee level, we will make it a general rule to consult the opinions of relevant non-governmental organizations and professional organizations and experts.
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- We will ensure that the open debates in the Plenary of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey are broadcast live on a TRT (Turkish Radio and Television Company) channel specifically dedicated for this purpose and on social media platforms; and that the Committee deliberations are broadcast live on the social media platforms of GNAT.

- For a transparent and accountable government, we will make Parliamentary scrutiny effective:
  
  - We will regulate the mechanism of oral questions for ministers in the Constitution and introduce the obligation to respond to oral questions within a certain period of time.
  
  - We will ensure that sanctions are imposed on the relevant ministers if they do not respond to the motions of written question within the time limit.
  
  - We will institute the right to submit a motion of censure against the Government, the Prime Minister, and Ministers.
  
  - We will make the General Debate and Parliamentary Inquiry mechanisms effective and ensure that a general debate can be held for at least 20 days in a legislative year, with an agenda set by the opposition.
  
  - We will reduce the quorum for the decisions required by the Constitution to activate the parliamentary investigation mechanism. In this way, we will make the parliamentary investigation an effective mechanism and ensure the accountability of the executive actors.
  
  - We will ensure an effective Parliamentary scrutiny over public institutions and agencies.
  
  - We will ensure that all political party groups in the Parliament are fairly represented in the Parliamentary Inquiry, Investigation and Scrutiny Committees.
  
  - We will make it mandatory for everyone, who is invited to the Parliamentary Investigation, Investigation and Scrutiny Committees within the scope of a Parliamentary scrutiny, to appear in front of the Committee upon this invitation.
  
  - We will redefine the concepts of State secret and trade secret in a way that does not impede the Parliament’s power to obtain information and scrutinize.
  
  - In order to protect the legislative power, we will constitutionally guarantee that the power to withdraw from international conventions rests with the Parliament.
  
  - In accordance with the principle of inalienability of the power of the purse, we will regulate the power of the purse as an inalienable power and instrument of control of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey:
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• We will make it necessary for budget bills to be discussed in the relevant Committee before being discussed in the Budget Committee and we will ensure that the budget cannot be amended by decrees having the force of law.

• We will establish a Final Accounts Committee in the Grand National Assembly of Turkey; and we will ensure that the final accounts bills are discussed in this Committee, whose chairman will be elected from among the MPs of the main opposition.

Executive Reform

• We will provide that the executive consists of the President of the Republic and the Council of Ministers, but that the executory powers related to the executive are exercised by the Council of Ministers.

• We will give the Office of the Presidency a non-political and impartial structure:

  • We will regulate the office of the President as an impartial position which represents the unity of the nation and the state, and which has representative duties and powers as the Head of State, and we will clearly regulate in the Constitution the actions and procedures that the President of the Republic can exceptionally carry out alone.

  • We will put an end to the President’s power to issue decrees.

  • In order to guarantee the impartiality of the President, we will introduce the rule that the President can be elected for a single term, and we will limit the term of office to seven years.

  • We will introduce the rule that the person elected as President is dismissed from his political party.

  • We will impose a rule banning the Presidents from engaging in active politics after the end of their term of office.

• We will strengthen and make effective the Prime Minister, Ministers and the Council of Ministers and increase measures to ensure the stability of the Government:

  • In order to avoid uncertainty in the appointment of the Prime Minister, we will regulate in the Constitution that the President of the Republic gives the political party with the highest number of deputies in the Parliament the task of forming the Government. If the Government cannot be formed within the period stipulated by the Constitution, we will accept the principle that this task should be given to other political parties respectively, in direct proportion to their number of deputies.
In order to facilitate the formation of the Government, we will require a simple majority for its formation and an absolute majority of the total number of members of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey for bringing it down.

We will combine the mechanisms of motion of censure and constructive vote of no-confidence to provide stability to the Government. We will ensure that the name of the new Prime Minister is included in the no-confidence motions against the Prime Minister or the entire Council of Ministers during the censure deliberations. We will ensure that such motions that are not signed by an absolute majority of the total number of members of the Parliament are not processed.

We will ensure that the Chief of General Staff is subordinate and accountable to the Minister of National Defence.

By making the necessary arrangements in the State of Emergency Law, we will ensure that the state of emergency is carried out within the limits of the rule of law:

- We will put an end to the State of Emergency Decrees.
- We will reduce the maximum period of State of Emergency from six months to two months.
- We will ensure that the State of Emergency is managed in accordance with the State of Emergency Law and that all procedures and actions arising from this Law are subject to judicial review.

**Judicial Reform**

- To establish judicial independence, we will carry out a structural transformation coupled with constitutional and legal arrangements:
  - We will introduce geographical security for judges and prosecutors who are promoted to and are in first category.
  - We will discern between judges and prosecutors, as members of two different professions.
  - We will terminate the subordination of judges to the Ministry of Justice in terms of their administrative duties.
  - In order to ensure that prosecutors carry out their investigative duties effectively, we will establish a Judicial Law Enforcement Organization under the Chief Public Prosecutors’ Offices.
  - We will put an end to the practice of special proceedings and specially authorized
courts, abolish the Criminal Judgeships of Peace and establish the Criminal Courts of Peace in their place; we will regulate their duties, powers and functioning in line with the requirements of the rule of law.

• In order to improve the quality of legal education, we will reduce the number of law faculties and make comprehensive improvements in the academic staff, curriculum, and library facilities of the faculties.

• We will make the training staff of the Justice Academy of Turkey and the training of judges and prosecutor candidates more qualified.

• We will take measures to ensure that the case law of the Constitutional Court and the European Court of Human Rights is taken into account by other courts and that the decisions rendered by these courts are implemented immediately.

• In order to ensure that judges are diligent when making their decisions, for their promotions, we will accept as one of the basic criteria the compatibility of their decisions with the case law of the Constitutional Court and the European Court of Human Rights.

• We will ensure that the judges and prosecutors who, by abusing their duties, cause the issuance of a violation decision by the Constitutional Court or the European Court of Human Rights and sentence the State to compensation and cause damages, recourse this compensation and damage.

• We will abolish the Council of Judges and Prosecutors and create two different councils, namely the Council of Judges and the Council of Prosecutors:

  • We will put an end to the presence of the Minister of Justice and the Undersecretary in the Council of Judges.

  • We will adopt a pluralistic method for selecting the members of the Council of Judges and the Council of Prosecutors to ensure pluralism, accountability, and democratic legitimacy.

  • We will ensure that the decisions of the Council of Judges and the Council of Prosecutors, which include admission into the profession and disciplinary punishment, are subject to judicial review.

• We will ensure that the lawyers exercise their profession independently and freely:

  • We will grant constitutional protection to the defence profession.

  • In criminal proceedings, we will rearrange the layout of the hearing rooms in line with the “principle of equality of arms” and ensure that the prosecution and the defence are physically equal in the courtrooms.
• We will constitutionally regulate the establishment of only one bar association in a province and put an end to the system of multiple bar associations.

• We will ensure that the principle of fair representation is taken as a basis in the elections of the Union of Turkish Bar Associations and bar associations.

• We will restructure the Constitutional Court by expanding its mandates and powers for a strong and effective supervision:
  • We will reorganize the method of electing members to the Constitutional Court in a way that ensures pluralism.
  • In order to prevent “favouritist and irregular” appointments to the Constitutional Court, we will introduce the requirement that candidates have actually worked for a certain period of time performing the duties that form the basis for their election.
  • We will expand the scope of individual application to the Constitutional Court to include economic and social rights.
  • In the event that the violation of rights subject to individual application arises from a law, decree having the force of law or a presidential decree, we will give the Constitutional Court the power to abolish the relevant norm.
  • We will also authorize the Constitutional Court to review cases of dispute between organs.
  • We will make the supremacy of the Constitution more effective by reducing the number of deputies who can file annulment actions with the Constitutional Court thus making it easier to file lawsuits.

• We will ensure that the laws are checked for constitutionality and compliance with international treaties on fundamental rights and freedoms to which Turkey is a party.

• We will reorganize the method of selection of members of the Court of Cassation and the Council of State in line with the principles of impartiality and independence. We will ensure that the Grand National Assembly of Turkey elects one-fourth of the members of the Council of State by a majority of at least two-thirds of the total number of its members.

• We will ensure that the Chief General Prosecutor and the Deputy Chief General Prosecutor of the Court of Cassation are elected by the General Assembly of the Court of Cassation.

• By organizing the Supreme Electoral Council as a high court under the “judicial power” section of the Constitution, we will ensure that the Council functions with two chambers for administrative and judicial duties in order to work more effectively.
By regulating the Court of Accounts as a supreme court in the Constitution, with an accountable and transparent administration approach, we will expand the scope of the audit of the Court of Accounts to include all public institutions and organizations.

We will take the necessary measures to rigorously apply the principle that detention is an exception.

- With a provision that we will add to Article 100 and Article 108 of the Criminal Procedure Code, we will ensure that concrete facts, events, and evidence are written in detail in the justification of the detention and examination of detention decision.

- We will ensure that the necessary training is provided to judges effectively so that the decisions made as a result of the examination are related to the specific characteristics of the concrete case and the applicant, and that relevant and adequate justification is provided.

In order to solve the problem of long pre-trial detention once and for all, we will revise the targeted proceedings periods and reduce the trial periods to reasonable levels.

We will ensure that confidentiality of investigation decisions will only be enforced in exceptional cases. We will make sure that such decisions are reviewed every month and do not exceed six months in any case, to prevent suspects from being threatened by investigation.

We will expand the scope of legal aid and assignment of a mandatory defence lawyer for women.

By expanding the scope of standing in environmental lawsuits, we will enable political parties and non-governmental organizations to bring environmental issues to justice.

In addition to the reports of the Forensic Medicine Institution, which are accepted as criteria in the evaluation of the release and postponement of enforcement requests of the sick or elderly prisoners who are too ill or disabled to remain in prison, we will also make a legal arrangement to take into account the reports issued by the full-fledged state hospitals which are identified in each province by a decision of the Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of Health.

We will put an end to the grievances arising from the State of Emergency Decrees issued after the failed coup attempt carried out by FETÖ on July 15, 2016.

We will resolutely fight against all terrorist organizations, including FETÖ. We will take into account all the elements of the rule of law and will not allow grievances. In all investigations and prosecutions, we will distinguish between the crime, the criminals and the innocent and institute the right to a fair trial.
• We will ensure that all allegations and complaints regarding the executive and judiciary, including the FETÖ Stock Exchange, which undermine the public conscience and society’s sense of justice in investigations and prosecutions, are meticulously examined.

**Fundamental Rights and Freedoms**

• We will constitutionally guarantee the inviolability of human dignity and the State’s obligation to respect and protect human dignity.

• We will clearly regulate by the Constitution that fundamental rights and freedoms are superior and integral, that they complement each other; that they are binding for the legislative, executive, and judicial organs, and that freedom is the rule and restriction is the exception. We will put an end to the understanding in the Constitution that fundamental rights and freedoms are limited by duty.

• We will consolidate the articles of the Constitution regulating “Freedom of thought and opinion” and “Freedom of expression and dissemination of thought” and we will change the title of the article to “Freedom of thought, opinion and expression”. Thus, we will strengthen the freedoms of thought, opinion, and expression.

• We will strengthen the freedom of the press. We will clearly regulate the State’s obligation to take the necessary measures so that public opinion can be formed freely, and the media obtains a pluralistic structure.

• With the amendment we will make to the Constitution, we will limit the justifications for restricting the freedom of expression and press to “national security, public order, the protection of the fundamental characteristics of the Republic and the indivisible integrity of the State with its territory and nation, the prevention of crime, the non-disclosure of information regulated by law as a State secret, the protection of the reputation and rights of others” in line with the provisions of the European Convention on Human Rights and the case law of the European Court of Human Rights.

• We will reform the Internet legislation in a way that does not restrict the freedom of expression and does not violate personal rights, in accordance with international standards.

• We will facilitate the process of issuing periodical and non-periodical publications, and we will make it mandatory to obtain the decision of the Public Prosecutor in cases where it is deemed prejudicial to delay the prevention of distribution of these publications or their seizure.

• We will restructure TRT and Anadolu Agency in accordance with the principles of independence and impartiality.

• We will put an end to arbitrariness in accreditation decisions and ensure that professional organizations are decisive in the issuance of press credentials and admission into the profession.
• We will make media ownership and financing transparent and prevent monopolization and cartelization in the media.

• We will regulate the duty of the State to ensure pluralism in the media as a constitutional obligation.

• We will give ex officio inspection authority to the Competition Authority for auditing media organizations.

• We will make legal and structural changes so that the Press Advertising Agency can perform its duties independently and impartially.

• We will provide guarantees to prevent unjustified interference in freedom of association.

• In accordance with the European Convention on Human Rights, we will narrow the scope of grounds for limitation provided for by the Constitution for the right to hold meetings and demonstration marches in line with the understanding that freedom is essential. In this way, we will put an end to the indefinite and arbitrary restriction of these freedoms.

• We will restrict the powers of administrative authorities to determine the places where meetings and demonstrations will be held, as well as their route and time.

• We will take the “open door principle” as a basis by ensuring the participation of non-governmental organizations in the decision-making processes and work of public institutions.

• We will ensure that an equal, fair, and transparent method is applied for non-governmental organizations to benefit from assistance such as obtaining public benefit status and tax exemption.

**Legislation on Elections and Political Parties**

• We will reform the legislation on political parties and elections in accordance with the constitutional rule that states “The activities, internal regulations and operation of political parties shall be in line with democratic principles” and in particular with the aim of strengthening intra-party democracy.

• We will lower the electoral threshold to 3%.

• In order to ensure the direct representation in the Parliament of more than 6 million citizens residing abroad, we will establish an overseas constituency to be represented with a maximum of 15 deputies and we will clearly regulate this issue in the Constitution.

• We will ensure that political parties that received at least 1% of the votes in the most recent parliamentary general elections benefit from treasury assistance.
• We will make the permission of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey mandatory to file lawsuits regarding the dissolution of political parties.

• In certain cases, we will arrange for a notice to be served to the political party prior to the dissolution proceedings, as a prerequisite for proceedings.

• We will redefine the requirement to “become a centre for certain activities” in the dissolution of political parties to include the requirement that certain acts are committed intensely, continuously and with determination, posing a serious danger to the democratic order.

• We will regulate the financing of politics in detail within the framework of the principles of transparency, auditability, and transparency of election expenditures.

• In line with the principles of transparency, we will make it mandatory that donations over a certain amount made to political parties and candidates and all expenditures incurred during elections are disclosed to the public.
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**Units Operating Under the Presidency, Ministries, Regulatory and Supervisory Bodies**

- We will abolish the boards and offices within the Office of the Presidency and transfer their duties and powers to the relevant ministries and institutions.

- We will close down the Turkey Wealth Fund.

- We will restructure the Ministry of Family and Social Services as the "Ministry of Women, Family and Children".

- We will restructure the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change as the "Ministry of Climate, Environment and Forestry".

- We will establish a Ministry of Urbanization and Disaster Management.

- We will separate the Treasury from the Ministry of Finance and restructure it as an independent Ministry.

- We will restructure the Ministry of Trade as the “Ministry of Trade and Tradespeople”.

- We will establish a Ministry of Information and Innovation.

- We will establish the Strategy and Planning Organization.

- We will abolish the deputy minister’s office and establish the undersecretariat system.

- We will make it possible to appoint more than one undersecretary to be responsible for certain matters at Ministries.

- We will ensure administrative and financial independence of regulatory and supervisory bodies and protect them against intervention from the executive branch.

- We will ensure that regulatory and supervisory bodies operate based on the principles of merit, transparency, impartiality, pluralism, accountability, and approachability.

- We will strengthen our institutions with necessary appointments to ensure that the Grand National Assembly of Turkey becomes more decisive and effective under their supervision.

- We will prevent those who work at regulatory and supervisory bodies from being on the executive board of establishments in the sectors which they regulate.

- We will amend the method for the election of members of the Radio and Television Supreme Council in such a way to ensure pluralism and guarantee the Council’s impartiality and autonomy.
• We will ensure that the Competition Authority operates efficiently to prevent the abuse of a dominant market position.

• We will expand the Capital Markets Board’s authority and we will definitely not allow manipulation in capital markets.

• We will establish a Tobacco, Tobacco Products and Alcohol Market Regulatory Authority.

• We will establish a Turkish Sugar Authority.

Local Governments

• We will implement a Local Governments Reform.

• We will revise the entire legislation on local governments and restructure local governments from administrative and financial perspectives.

• We will hand over some regional agencies operating under ministries to local governments according to their areas of responsibility.

• We will put an end to the central government’s extreme control over local governments.

• We will make sure that those who are elected to office are not forced to leave office through other means than an election and put an end to the trustee practices that ignore the right to elect and be elected in local elections.

• We will ensure that temporary suspension of local administrators who have been indicted based on malfeasance is only possible through a court order.

• We will ensure that mayors who have lost their electoral capacity or been suspended are replaced by municipal councils.

• We will strengthen local governments’ capacity to increase revenues.

• We will increase municipalities’ share from general budget tax revenues.

• We will consider the provinces’ contribution to production and exports, summer-winter, night-day population difference and irregular migration in determining the shares.

• We will enact the Fundamental Law on Mukhtarship.

• We will return their legal entities to the villages converted into neighbourhoods with the Metropolitan Law.
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- We will deliver project-based support to the town municipalities in our provinces without the metropolitan status, that are having difficulties in attaining the required development level or providing necessary services.

- We will consider reopening the town municipalities that were shut down before and creating new municipalities based on current needs.

- We will address the matter of Special Provincial Administrations within the scope of our work on restructuring public administration.

- We will restructure the Union of Municipalities of Turkey and put an end to discriminatory, partisan, and unjust practices.

- We will increase participation by engaging mukhtars, relative civil society organizations and professional chambers in the decision-making mechanisms of local governments.

- We will prioritize democratic participation; strengthen city councils; make it obligatory to immediately found a city council in cities where there is still no city council.

- We will establish equal opportunity units within local governments to achieve quality participation in local government mechanisms.

- We will ensure that local governments open their data to the public and allow for this data to be used by universities, civil society organizations and professional chambers to develop local solutions.

- We will create service standards for local governments and make their processes more transparent, easy-to-understand and traceable.

- We will ensure that citizens have the means, including live transmission, to follow in a transparent and easy-to-understand manner, council meetings, decisions on zoning plan changes, use of resources, borrowing, tendering and procurement and issues related to audit reports.

- We will organize public votes for certain projects through the e-government system.

- We will make it obligatory for mayors to personally sign off tenders and payments exceeding a certain amount and ensure that mayors cannot delegate their signing authority unless they are on a long-lasting medical leave.

- We will prohibit mayors’ first and second-degree blood relatives and relatives by marriage from being appointed as principal clerks, advisors, or consultants.

- We will set forth impartial criteria for the internal and external financing of municipalities’ large-scale projects and introduce a time limit for the use of the central government’s approval authority which may delay or prevent municipalities’ access to financing.
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• We will subject municipal corporations and subsidiaries to a comprehensive evaluation based on criteria such as their duties, function, needs, efficiency, effectiveness, and conformity with the public procurement law.

• We will reshape the composition of the Transport Coordination Centre (UKOME) members to include transport-related institutions and give representational weight to metropolitan municipalities.

• We will implement an efficient auditing system (internal and by the Court of Accounts) and carefully follow whether audits’ findings are taken into consideration or not.

**Merit-Based State Personnel Management and Debureaucratization in the Public Sector**

• We will simplify the State Personnel Law numbered 657 to adapt it to today’s circumstances.

• We will establish a State Personnel Presidency.

• We will reassert the principles of merit and equality at every stage of public recruitment, ensuring transparency.

• We will put an end to interviews and ensure that personnel are recruited based on the principle of starting with the highest scorer in the written exam; regulate with a law the exceptional cases that require oral examination because of the nature of the job; ensure that the questions to be asked to candidates in oral exams are determined by lot and that oral exams and interviews are recorded.

• We will increase the number of Public Personnel Selection Examinations (KPSS) and not charge for exams.

• We will ensure that Chairpersons to be appointed to the Central Bank, TURKSTAT and Regulatory and Supervisory Authorities speak in an open forum at the Planning and Budget Commission before being appointed.

• We will harden the criteria for being appointed to the top management positions of regulatory and supervisory authorities and public banks such as education level and years of experience in the sector and ensure that these criteria are being meticulously implemented.

• We will move to a modern, career-based system of human resources management in the public sector; ensure that each institution meets its need for a qualified “member of profession” from within the institution; and put an end to inter-institutional transfer practices while appointing diplomatic career employees.
II. PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

• We will only accept competence, merit, performance, and seniority as criteria for promotions in the public service and we will absolutely ensure equal opportunities.

• We will hold public servants accountable in their defined areas of responsibility in line with the principle of accountability and remove public servants’ immunities.

• We will closely monitor and ensure that the Law No. 2531 Concerning Prohibited Activities of Former Public Servants is respected and that all of the foreseen sanctions are meticulously implemented.

• We will increase the number of female managers assigned to top management levels.

• We will not allow deputies or subcontractors to conduct essential and permanent public tasks.

• We will ensure that public servants benefit from equitable wages and salaries.

• Based on the principle of the unity of family, we will fulfil all spouse-related appointment requests as soon as possible.

• We will remove all obstacles preventing the exercise of trade union rights and freedoms by public servants, apart from the exceptions in the European Social Charter.

• We will expand the e-government service network to reduce the use of paper, stamps, and signatures and, in this scope, pave the way for individuals to be able to draw up contracts on the e-government system with institutions and other parties with whom they are in a commercial relationship involving debt/receivables such as renting a house and pre-loved shopping.

• We will ensure that public institutions share with each other the necessary data such as diplomas, head shots, residence information, etc. to avoid repetitive requests, within the framework of privacy and upon individuals’ consent.

• We will allow the tracking of application status and the estimated date of finalization for applications of permits, licenses, etc. in the public sector.
III

ANTI-CORRUPTION, TRANSPARENCY and AUDIT

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Anti-Corruption

- We will prepare an “Anti-Corruption Strategy and Action Plan” with the support and contributions of civil society and implement it with determination.

- We will enable administrative and judicial supervision and the supervision of the Grand National Assembly within the scope of our anti-corruption efforts.

- We will establish a “Commission of Inquiry on Corruption” within the Grand National Assembly of Turkey.

- We will fully align our anti-corruption legislation with the recommendations of the Council of Europe Group of States Against Corruption (GRECO).

- We will immediately eliminate all shortcomings identified by the OECD Working Group on Bribery related to countering bribery coming from individuals and establishments abroad, protection of informants and independence of prosecution.

- We will expedite the judicial process for the crimes of bribery and corruption; implement harsher punishments; remove the statute of limitation and ensure that these crimes are not included in the scope of amnesty.

- We will amend the Law No. 3628 on Declaring Property and Countering Bribery and Corruption to harden punishments for income and fortune increases for which the source cannot be explained and implement it without concession.

- We will bring back to Turkey the revenues obtained through corruption and smuggling abroad by using all international mechanisms including especially the UN International Convention Against Corruption and, to this end, establish the “Office for the Recovery of Assets” which is also stipulated within the scope of harmonization with the EU acquis.

- We will ensure all financial transactions including sales and investments conducted by trustees appointed to establishments covered by the Saving Deposits Insurance Fund (SDIF) are supervised.

- We will prohibit the sale of assets from the SDIF and other public agencies without a tender and remove the unlimited nonliability of the Members of the Fund Board regarding the decisions they take.

- We will ensure that the practice of declaration of property is expanded in such a way to include politics, managers of public professional institutions and leaders of civil society organizations with public concessions.

- We will review all tenders organized under the scope of Article 21/b of the Public Procurement Law No. 4734 including especially the tenders conducted through “Negotiated Tendering” procedure and strictly follow up on the identified cases of irregularity and corruption.
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- We will set forth some national supervision standards to increase the efficiency of corruption supervision.

Financial Crimes Investigation Board

- We will make it a top priority to effectively counter terrorism financing, bribery, corruption, human trafficking, drug trafficking and all other sources of revenue generating illicit money; and strengthen the financial resources, personnel and IT infrastructure of the Financial Crimes Investigation Board and ensure that it has administrative authority (MASAK).

- We will strengthen the guarantees offered to experts working at MASAK.

- We will remove all obstacles preventing MASAK from accessing digital data on time and at a sufficient level, and all regulations preventing flow of information among units.

- We will strengthen the structure of the Coordination Board for Combatting Financial Crimes and make the Board more effective.

- We will update the Law No. 5549 on Prevention of Laundering of Crime Revenues, the Law No. 6415 on Prevention of Financing of Terrorism and the Law No. 7262 on Prevention of Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction and the related legislation.

- We will update the relative regulations on identifying, separating, ceasing, and confiscating crime revenues and funds providing financing for terrorism and integrate them to the administrative measures stipulated in the Law No. 5549 and the Law No. 6415.

- We will explicitly reorganize the distribution of roles and responsibilities between MASAK and policing and prosecution units.

- We will prevent the use of exchange offices, paying agents, precious stones and precious metal trade and real estate purchase and sales for the purposes of bypassing the standards of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF); fully comply with the FATF standards and remove our country from the “grey list”.

- We will urgently publish the list of tax havens and the list of countries at risk for money laundering.

- We will efficiently follow fund transfers to offshore accounts and establish mechanisms of close cooperation with the “Countries That Are Party to the Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters”.

- We will prevent tax amnesty and asset reconciliations from being used as a means of money laundering.
**Public Procurement Law**

- We will reformulate the Public Procurement Law No. 4734 in accordance with the European Union norms.

- We will take into consideration the characteristics of the utility sectors such as water, energy, postal administration, and transport while creating the tendering legislation.

- We will remove all provisions setting forth exceptions and exemptions that eliminate competition in public procurement and tenders, turn arbitrariness into a rule and pave the way for corruption.

- We will ensure that potential amendments to the public procurement law are made with an absolute majority in GNAT.

- We will restructure the Public Procurement Authority and Board; decrease the number of members on the Board and make sure that the Board mainly focuses on the development of the legislation and the solution of the problems of administrations and contractors.

- We will establish a “central evaluation log” containing contractors’ past work, capital structures, machinery and equipment pools, ability to finish the work on time, etc. and make sure that all public agencies benefit from this system.

- We will put an end to practices that lead to exploitation in the sales of the state’s property and real estate within the scope of the State Procurement Law No. 2886.

- We will readdress the matter of “period of limitation” concerning collusive tendering and related crimes.

**Transparency**

- We will reformulate the Right to Information Law in such a way to increase transparency.

- We will enact a “General Administrative Procedures Law” to regulate the issues such as the right to information, right to legal remedies, rules, and procedures of filing an application or a complaint, administrations’ liability to damages and duties, powers, and periods of limitation in administrative procedures.

- We will increase the liability to disciplinary action and damages for public servants who violate the right to information.

- We will ensure that work processes are simplified and clearly and explicitly published on the website of the relative institutions.
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• We will make it obligatory for the relative officials to make an explanation when the prede- fined periods are exceeded concerning certain administrative procedures such as licenses, permits, permissions, etc. and ensure that the justifications for the rejection of an application are communicated to citizens in writing.

• We will create a digital platform and ensure that the public data can be monitored in a user-friendly manner through this platform.

• We will ensure that civil society is strongly represented on information-sharing and ethical boards.

• We will redefine the concepts of state secrets and trade secrets in such a way not to hinder the Assembly’s and the Court of Accounts’ powers to obtain information and supervise.

• We will ensure that regulatory bodies’ board decisions are publicly shared in a transparent manner.

• We will ensure that all public institutions and agencies are subjected to the provisions of the Public Finance Management and Control Law that are related to financial transparency, accountability, internal control, and audit.

• We will transparently publish guarantees and other contingent obligations arising from Public Private Partnership projects in the public financial statistics.

• We will ensure that the problems of data quality in national statistics are accurately and thoroughly identified in a fast and healthy manner.

Audits and Court of Accounts

• We will formulate the Court of Accounts as a supreme court in the constitution.

• We will ensure that all of the members of the Court of Accounts are elected by the Grand National Assembly of Turkey with two thirds qualified majority.

• We will expand the scope of the supervision of the Court of Accounts in such a way to include all institutions and agencies that use public resources.

• We will ensure that all of the reports of the Court of Accounts are submitted to the Final Accounts Committee, and the reports and the audit findings are publicly shared.

• We will put an end to arbitrariness concerning the public losses identified by the Court of Accounts and the related criminal complaints.

• We will enable a performance audit by the Court of Accounts.
Political Ethics Law

- We will introduce a Political Ethics Law in order to set forth the principles of political ethics that the members of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey, Ministers, political party leaders, provincial heads, mayors, and municipal council members need to follow while they fulfil their responsibilities:

- We will draw up ethical conduct principles, businesses that are not compatible with one’s duties, declaration of property, obligation to notify when there is a conflict of interest, prohibition of accepting gifts and an effective system of supervision and sanction in light of the European Union Acquis and the Recommendations of the Council of Europe Group of States Against Corruption (GRECO).

- We will prevent the relative people mentioned in the Law from engaging in unethical mediation in favour of themselves, their kin or third persons taking advantage of their position, title, or powers; favouring their next of kin, spouses, friends, or other acquaintances; or discriminating for any other reason.

- We will explicitly draw up the duties of the members of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey and the businesses that are not compatible with their duties and introduce the obligation to declare revenues generated from other businesses that are not prohibited.

- We will carefully monitor the implementation of regulations preventing the members of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey from being assigned to official or private tasks upon a proposal, suggestion, appointment, or approval from the executive branch.

- We will shorten the declaration of property renewal term for persons that fall under the scope of the relative Law and make sure that they present a declaration every two years.

- We will expand the scope of the obligation to declare property to ensure that individuals declare situations that create or may potentially create a conflict of interest with their duties and the resources presented to them, the areas of use for these resources and their businesses that are compatible with their role as parliamentarians.

- We will ensure that members of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey and ministers mind the public interest in their acts and avoid a conflict between their personal interests and the public interest.

- We will introduce the obligation of declaration for amounts that exceed a certain limit when the members of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey and ministers receive wages or donations in return for a speech or participation in meetings.

- We will clearly set forth the exceptions related to the prohibition of accepting gifts.
• We will regulate the establishment of political ethics committees within political parties with a group at the Grand National Assembly of Turkey.

• We will establish a Political Ethics Committee within the Grand National Assembly of Turkey.

• In the event that the Committee determines that some members of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey and ministers act in violation of the ethical principles, we will ensure that the necessary decisions can be taken to issue a warning, reprimand, administrative fine or exclude them from delegations to represent the Grand National Assembly of Turkey for a certain time-period.

• We will ensure that the General Assembly can terminate the parliamentarian status of members who insist on maintaining a service or a duty that is not compatible with their status.
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Main Economic Objectives

- We will save Turkey from the “Middle Income Trap” with a sustainable and inclusive development strategy putting green transformation and digital revolution at its core and an investment, employment, efficiency, and technology-based transformation process; and permanently position her among “High Income Countries”.

- We will implement consistent and rational policies within a strong programme to strengthen economic balances and reinstate macroeconomic and financial stability.

- We will permanently reduce inflation to low single digits in two years.

- We will restore credibility and stability to the Turkish lira.

- We will ensure that the average growth rate is above 5 percent.

- We will at least double our per capita income in dollar terms at the end of five years.

- We will create, in five years, at least 5 million additional quality jobs that generate decent income and reduce unemployment to single digits.

- We will cancel out the extreme poverty that has been on the agenda again after 2018.

- We will put an end to policies based on unfair income, wealth transfer and unearned income in the post-Presidential Government System period and ensure a fair and balanced income distribution among individuals, households, and regions.

- We will bring the severely worsening public finance balances in recent years under control and ensure that debt and interest burden is kept at sustainable levels.

- We will increase annual exports to 600 billion dollars and the kilogram value of exports to over 2 dollars and double the share of high-tech products exports at the end of five years.

- We will rid production of dependence on imports through our sectoral policies based on efficiency, high-added value and competitiveness and bring our economy to the level of sustainable external balance.

- We will strengthen the international monetary reserves.

- We will raise Turkey’s credit rating to the “Investible Country” level again.
Strengthening and Restructuring Economic Institutions

- We will establish a “Situation and Damage Assessment Committee” operating under the President of the Republic and consisting of competent and experienced experts and supervisors and give the Committee full authority to obtain data and information from institutions.

- We will make the Economic and Social Council more participatory and more functional as a platform where policy proposals from various groups on crosscutting issues of economic and social sectors such as economic stability, efficiency in resource allocation, increase in competitiveness, poverty and unequal distribution of income are evaluated and an environment of dialogue and mutual agreement is built.

- We will establish a Strategy and Planning Organization operating at first under the President of the Republic, and then directly under the Prime Minister once we move to the Strengthened Parliamentary System.

- We will separate the Treasury from the Ministry of Finance and restructure it as an independent Ministry.

- We will close down the Turkey Wealth Fund.

- We will ensure that the Saving Deposits Insurance Fund regains its primary function.

- We will reformulate the Turkish Statistical Institute (TURKSTAT) Law and:
  
  - Ensure that the Institute’s Chairperson is appointed with a decree of council of ministers and Deputy Chairpersons are appointed with a decree of three upon the President’s proposal.
  
  - Clearly lay out the circumstances that allow dismissal from office before the end of a term and ensure that the Chairperson and Deputy Chairpersons cannot be dismissed from office based on any other regulation than the TURKSTAT Law.
  
  - Make it mandatory for TURKSTAT statistics to be regularly subjected to quality and reliability control by Committees formed by academics and experts.
Guaranteeing the Independence of the Central Bank

- We will introduce legislative arrangements to ensure that amendments to the Central Bank Law concerning basic duties, instrument independence and high-level appointments can be made by a qualified majority in the Grand National Assembly of Turkey.

- We will redesign the Governor’s and high-level management’s appointment processes based on competence, merit, transparency, and accountability.

- We will appoint the Governor, Deputy Governors, and the Monetary Policy Committee members for a term of five years.

- We will ensure that the Governor is appointed with a decree of council of ministers and Deputy Governors are appointed with a decree of three upon the Governor’s proposal.

- We will introduce the limit of two terms for appointments at the level of Governor and the Monetary Policy Committee members.

- We will ensure that the Governor and Deputy Governors and the Board members cannot be dismissed from office based on any other regulation than the CBRT Law.

- We will pay attention to strike a balance among the finance, industry, trade, and agriculture sectors while determining the members of the General Assembly to benefit from their knowledge and experience.

- We will ensure that the Central Bank attends the sessions of the GNAT Planning and Budget Commission twice a year and that presentations therein are open to the press and broadcast live.

- We will ensure that the Bank gives information to the GNAT Planning and Budget Commission under a special agenda in the event that the inflation target is not fulfilled.

- We will abolish the Price Stability Committee which has no function and leads to interference with the independence of the Central Bank and a conflict of authority and responsibility.

- We will strengthen the institutional structure of the Financial Stability Committee in order to protect financial stability at the macro level more efficiently and ensure that the Committee convenes on a regular basis and its decisions are publicly shared in detail.

- The headquarters of the CBRT must be in the capital, Ankara. We will ensure that the CBRT’s units in Istanbul are relocated to Ankara as soon as possible

- We will subject the relocation procedures out of Ankara in violation of the CBRT Law and the public losses incurred as a result of these procedures to administrative and legal inspection and take recourse against the relative parties for the losses.
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• We will subject the transactions related to the sale of Central Bank reserves in a non-transparent and circuitous manner to administrative and legal inspection. We will follow up on the identified errors, irregularities, corruption, and public damage until the end.

Monetary Policy

• We will not impose responsibilities on the Central Bank other than ensuring price and financial stability.

• We will ensure that the CBRT can use monetary policy instruments in an independent, transparent, and predictable way to fulfil its main mission serving price stability.

• We will strengthen coordination between the CBRT and the Banking Regulation and Supervision Agency (BRSA) and ensure that monetary and credit policies are conducted in a more harmonized manner.

• We will ensure that macroprudential measures focus on reducing current risks and preventing risk accumulation in accordance with their primary function.

• We will implement the necessary structural arrangements to support the efforts to counter inflation in the fields of fiscal policy, administered prices, production structure, agriculture, trade, competitiveness, and efficiency.

• We will clearly lay out the provisions on profit and contingency reserve distribution, open market operations, the securities portfolio, and the current account relationship where the CBRT and the Treasury get in a direct or indirect financing relationship and prevent, in this way, any monetary expansion through direct flow of resources towards the Treasury.

• We will put an end to direct interventions in resource allocation through lending to the private sector and to micro-level interventions in the composition of banks’ balance sheets.

• We will put an end to the practices in violation of the floating exchange rate system and review the regulations on the foreign exchange regime in such a way to increase the flexibility and efficiency of the monetary policy.

• We will strengthen the international monetary reserves; eliminate the arbitrariness in the use of the reserves; and ensure that reserve management is transparent and accountable.

• We will ensure that reserve sales are announced to the public in fifteen-day circles at the most no matter how and prepare a comprehensive reserve management report every six months.

• We will put an end to opening new Currency Protected Deposit accounts and close existing accounts at maturity as soon as we come to power.
Eliminating Excessive Public Expenditures

• We will implement a comprehensive programme to put an end to excessive public expenditures as soon as we come to power.

• We will put an end to all unnecessary expenditures on the grounds of reputation.

• We will reduce representational and hospitality expenditures at least by half.

• We will relocate the Presidency to the Çankaya Mansion.

• We will open the palaces, mansions and waterfront residences used by the Presidency to public use.

• We will reduce the number of aircrafts used by the Presidency.

• We will prevent public servants from generating additional income through more than one resources.

• We will set a standard for public offices to prevent pretension.

• We will stop new public building constructions and purchase of furnishing.

• We will sell the public buildings that are not needed.

• We will limit the allocation of public vehicles to a very low number of offices.

• We will limit the use of vehicles with flashing lights to only Ambulances and Security cars.

• We will put an end to the leasing of new service buildings or vehicles and gradually terminate the ongoing leases.

• We will put an end to the practice of broadcasting video footages of high-level administrators, especially Ministers, on flashing signs in public buildings.

• We will restructure our organizations abroad and eliminate unnecessary positions abroad.
**Budget and Public Expenditures**

- We will initiate the “Fiscal Rule” practice to make the fiscal discipline understanding permanent and increase predictability.

- We will strengthen the role and efficiency of the GNAT Planning and Budget Commission and the Court of Accounts in monitoring the fiscal rule.

- We will prepare a Reform Strategy for Public Finance Management.

- We will subject all public expenditures to a comprehensive review from the perspectives of necessity and efficiency and close down the expenditure programmes that are no longer a priority.

- We will use the resources not for unearned income-generating projects such as “Canal Istanbul” but for agricultural irrigation projects, especially those within the scope of the South-eastern Anatolia Project (GAP), Eastern Anatolia Project (DAP), Konya Plain Project (KOP) and Eastern Black Sea Project (DOKAP).

- We will pay special attention to preservation of the nature and the environment, protection of vulnerable groups and to the understanding of gender-sensitive budgeting during our budget studies.

- We will redetermine the expenditure priorities of our society bearing in mind the needs of the most vulnerable groups.

- We will put an end to the practice of making non-transparent public expenditures with special rules.

- We will ensure that fund transfers between public administrations under the central government are regulated with a law.

- We will limit transfers within these public administrations’ own budgets to a certain proportion of the fund in the budget allocation from which the transfer is to be made.

- We will prevent transfers from personnel costs budget lines, budget lines that received a transfer and budget lines that received a transfer from a reserve fund to other funds.

- We will publicly share the scope of state guarantees, their justifications, term and other relative information, and their burden on the budget within different scenarios on a regular basis and present them to GNAT as a table attached to the budget.

- We will introduce more binding principles and rules for more prudent management of exchange rates, interests, liquidity, e-financing and credit risks in public borrowing and state guarantees.
• We will ensure that the public sector does not enter into contracts in foreign currency except for cases of necessity.

**SOEs and Other Public Enterprises**

• We will realize a reform on SOE governance.

• We will ensure that the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) “Guidelines on Corporate Governance of State-Owned Enterprises” are taken as a basis for the management and supervision of all State-Owned Enterprises and public enterprises.

• We will ensure that the Unemployment Insurance Fund is not used outside the scope of its purpose and that its activities are conducted in a more transparent framework.

• We will ensure that the Housing Development Administration’s (TOKI) accounts are prepared in line with the principles of transparency and accountability and are subjected to the Court of Accounts audits.

• We will narrow down the practice of Circulating Capital.

**Taxation**

• We will conduct a comprehensive tax reform based on the principles of “Transparent Legislation-Transparent Implementation, Predictable Tax Burden, Large Tax Base-Fair Distribution of Tax Burden, Green Transformation in Taxes, Economic Efficiency, Effective and Impartial Audits”.

• We will change the name of the Tax Council to “National Tax Council” and make it more inclusive and efficient.

• We will change the tax system into a structure that promotes investments and make tax deductions simpler and more manageable in promoted investments.

• We will review and minimize the number of tax exceptions and exemption.

• We will submit a Tax Expenditures Report containing tax incentives, exceptions, exemptions and the amount of foregone tax, the economic and social reasons behind the forgoing and analyses related to its effects to the Grand National Assembly of Turkey along with a Central Government Budget Bill.

• We will expand the scope of the income elements subject to declaration and establish a tax structure that reduces the weight of indirect taxes.

• We will reduce the tax and insurance premium burden on employees.
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• We will allow wage-earning employees to be able to deduct from their taxable income the deductible elements such as education and health expenditures set forth in Article 89 of the Income Tax Law.

• We will remove the SCT burden on diesel oil used in the agriculture sector.

• We will cancel out the withholding tax rate on workplace rent payments.

• We will not charge title deed fees for purchasing housing for the first time.

• We will reduce the VAT charged on all kinds of education and training services.

• We will reduce the transactions tax that constitutes a burden on trade and production and has now turned into something that punishes formal economy.

• We will put an end to the confusion concerning rateable value and unreasonable increases in property tax.

• We will review other regulations on appreciation share and unearned incomes from zoning and tax unearned urban incomes comprehensively and effectively.

• We will ensure that crypto-assets and newly developing digital channels are efficiently taxed.

• We will conduct a transformation process putting an emphasis on green taxes in line with our target to achieve Net Zero Carbon Emissions by 2050 and use the revenues generated to support private sector’s green transformation investments.

• We will make the necessary arrangements to promote green investments and green financing in the Income Tax Law and the Corporate Tax Law; prolong the period to offset losses and shorten the period of redemption in green investments.

• We will reformulate the special consumption tax paid for motor vehicles as the historical cost, within the scope of green tax policies.

• We will stop using tax auditing as a tool to put political pressure on the business world; make the Revenue Administration autonomous in practice and subject it to performance assessment.

• We will generalize the use of digital accounting; ensure that tax inspection and auditing procedures are conducted electronically and increase the number of digital tax offices.

• We will put an end to tax amnesty and especially the practices of base increase and asset reconciliation without economic and technical justifications.

• We will take the necessary measures, including collecting withholding tax from payments made to tax havens.
• We will effectively combat informality, reduce informality below the OECD average, and use the resources obtained through this combat to support the most vulnerable segments of society.

• We will expedite the process of tax refund by increasing the number of specialized tax offices and their employees and relieve the burden on the business world.

**Public-Private Partnership Projects**

• We will subject all ongoing Public-Private Partnership (PPP) projects to technical, administrative, legal, and legislative audits.

• We will identify all wrongdoings, irregularities and corruption involved in all phases of these projects including feasibility, tendering, amendments after tendering, reporting and supervision.

• We will make use of all national and international legal remedies for Public-Private Partnership projects where irregularities and corruption are detected, operate arbitration processes, if necessary, initiate legal proceedings against contractor companies, their partners and responsible persons who cause harm to the public if any, and ensure that the damages incurred are collected from the relevant parties.

• We will put forth some regulations ensuring that the excuse of trade secret can no longer hinder the authority of GNAT and Court of Accounts to obtain information on and supervise PPP projects.

• We will enact a framework legislation that regulates large-scale public investments and PPP practices.

• We will include PPP contracts in the scope of the Public Procurement Law and bring them into conformity with the EU directive that arranges the tendering procedures of concession contracts.

• We will not allow institutions other than the Treasury to issue guarantees on behalf of the state within the scope of PPPs.

• We will publicly share technical, economic, environmental, and social feasibility reports of PPP contracts.

• We will publish information related to projects for which a Value for Money Analysis (VMA) was carried out and conduct and share the relative analyses if a VMA was not carried out.
Financial Sector Policies

• We will ensure the administrative and financial independence of regulatory and supervisory bodies in the financial sector such as BRSA and CMB (Capital Markets Board).

• We will increase the accountability of regulatory and supervisory bodies in the financial sector and ensure that these bodies present reports to the GNAT Planning and Budget Commission at least twice a year.

• We will ensure that board decisions of all regulatory bodies, just like those of CBRT, are transparently shared with the public along with their justifications.

• We will review the regulations concerning the responsibility areas of BRSA, CMB, SDIF and the Insurance and Private Pension Regulation and Supervision Agency and make them aligned with international best practices within a plan.

• We will introduce stricter criteria regarding the education level, sector experience, next of kin or close social circles of people to be appointed to executive boards in the financial sector in line with international best practices and make sure that these criteria are implemented.

• We will free institutions such as the Banks Association of Turkey, the Participation Banks Association of Turkey, the Association of Financial Institutions, and the Capital Markets Association of Turkey of political influence and help them focus on development projects for the sector.

• We will clearly define the regulatory and supervisory legislation and agencies with regards to digital money, crypto-assets, FinTech companies and digital payment systems.

• We will conduct a study involving the identification of asset quality in the banking and finance sector, and stress tests under different scenarios and put forth some measures to eliminate the fragility of the banking and finance sector based on this study.

• We will solve the problems related to asset quality in the financial sector in a consistent, holistic, and transparent way that does not cause a risk of exploitation, through dialogue with the relative parties.

• We will reinstate Ziraat Bank as the bank of farmers and Halk Bank as the bank of tradespeople and SMEs.

• We will ensure that the criteria of education level, financial sector experience, competence and merit are being meticulously followed for appointments to public banks’ top management.

• We will prevent public banks from focusing on fields that are not compatible with the objectives set forth in the laws establishing public banks.
• We will prevent public banks from disrupting fair competition in the sector.

• We will subject the transactions of public banks to comprehensive reviews and audits and follow up on the identified irregularities, corruption, and public damage, if any, until the end.

• We will closely follow up on and supervise state-subsidized loans and state-guaranteed loans to make sure that they are used in line with their purpose.

• We will support the development of the capital market and ensure the spread of capital to the base, and we will channel long-term resources especially to companies working towards the realization of sustainable development goals.

• We will bring tax advantage to income generated from capital market instruments that support the use of equity and long maturity.

• We will diversify tax regulations promoting public offerings.

• We will put forth principles and mechanisms that will allow the use of the funds raised through the issuance of common stocks of companies that went public and through paid capital increases, in a transparent, equitable, responsible, and accountable way, in accordance with the targets of equity, debt management, investment and growth as required by the Corporate Governance Principles.

• We will make the necessary arrangements to encourage the employees of publicly listed companies to become partners of their company.

• We will ensure that the composition and the quality of the boards of publicly traded companies are improved.

• We will offer to public the companies within the SDIF, which have a suitable legal status and fulfil the criteria for public offering.

• We will benefit from public offering practices to ensure that state-controlled companies and public banks can be managed more efficiently and in line with corporate norms and ensure the spread of capital to the base.

• We will give support to investments, production, and employment by assigning more weight to equity market instruments in public funds and funds to which the state contributes.

• We will benefit more from capital market instruments in the financing of public investments and, within this scope, strengthen the principles of proper evaluation of investments, transparency, and accountability.

• We will restructure the Emerging Companies Market in order to provide funds to SMEs considering the special cases of these companies and make the necessary arrangements to increase the efficiency of this market.
• We will take steps to protect small investments during public offerings and to ensure that they go public in a healthy/solid manner, such as providing financial incentives to companies to raise their reporting norms to the level of international financial reporting standards and differentiating CMB and stock exchange liabilities on a scale basis.

• We will increase the efficiency of the Turkish Mercantile Exchange.

• We will develop legal legislation for the efficient use of evaluation and rating reports in public offerings of financial instruments.

• We will ensure that individuals prefer investment funds or similar institutional investors for putting their savings into use in capital markets by increasing the performance and transparency of such investors.

• We will establish an institutional framework of investment counselling and bind it to certain rules in order to prevent conflicts of interest in financial markets and offer a transparent and accountable investment process to investors.

• We will initiate an investigation and audit of allegations of manipulation and corruption in the Stock Exchange, including the relevant institutions, and follow up on the irregularities and corruption detected.

• We will introduce effective legal regulations setting forth preventive sanctions against exploitation of information and market crimes that damage the confidence in the capital market.

• We will establish financial courts in order to ensure fast intervention in actions that disrupt the order of the market and better protect the rights of misled and aggrieved investors.

• We will constantly review the legislation and institutional structure and immediately make the necessary adaptations in order to protect clients and small investors from risks created by the technological transformation process in the financial sector.

• We will implement regulations that prevent the risks created by speculative and pyramid scheme-type finance practices.

• We will evaluate the current practice results related to crowd funding and complete the missing legal regulations considering international and local examples, to avoid exploitation and aggrievement of investors.

• We will build a competitive structure in the credit rating market by increasing the number of locally and internationally active establishments.

• We will ensure that scale-based loans regulated by BRSA are rated by the authorized institutions according to the CMB legislation.
• We will facilitate access to financing especially for SMEs by eliminating, in consultation with all relative stakeholders, the defective angles of the system.

• We will strongly support innovative financing models such as crowd funding, angel investor networks, social entrepreneurship, impact investing, venture capital investments and fund of funds through financial, legal, and administrative incentives and facilities.

• We will provide the capital markets and the banking system with a conducive infrastructure for entrepreneurs who have an idea especially in the field of technology such as new enterprises and venture capital and want to attract investors.

• We will ensure that the financial sector legislation is periodically reviewed by the relative bodies in order to adapt to rapidly changing business models and that the results are publicly announced.

• We will promote the diversification of financial instruments that support entrepreneurs and the enabling of products that are integrated with capital markets.

• We will support the establishment of companies in the Venture Capital model through joint efforts of KOSGEB (Small and Medium Enterprises Development Organization), TUBITAK (the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey), Techno-cities and CMB.

• We will identify the main principles of management and supervision for venture capital firms in which investment is to be made.

• We will ensure that the necessary institutional structures are in place to promote, evaluate and monitor the projects of women and youth; bring the relative parties together and give professional management support in the angel investment model.

• We will restructure the Credit Guarantee Fund in such a way to support the development of Start-Up and Scale-Up companies.

• We will ensure that the financial sector practices concerning green financing, sustainability projects and social investments are regulated and supervised with international agreements, standards, and diversified products.

• We will introduce performance criteria for the Development and Investment Bank of Turkey to measure the provision of larger and priority funds for high technology investments, green initiatives, green R&D activities, and innovative enterprises and provide the necessary means.

• We will lead the way in establishing a digital-based International Development Bank for Green Financing to be active on an international scale.

• We will pave the way for small enterprises to access and integrate to international payment systems and agencies.
• We will generalize FinTech companies and digital payment systems within the financial industry.

• We will build the necessary infrastructure to spread practices such as digital money, digital checks and digital promissory notes that can be trusted and mutually used by everyone.

• We will spread the use of digital financial platforms in the purchase and sale of all sorts of goods and services and pave the way for credit mechanisms to take place from the Business World to the Business World, from Consumers to the Business World and from Consumers to Consumers.

• We will conduct scientific research needed for the technical change and transformation process of the financial sector and promote the establishment of Financial Techno-cities.

• We will ensure that the development and transformation of financial technologies are more integrated to public administrative procedures.

• We will enhance the cyber security strategy through public-private partnerships against cyber-attacks increasing in number as a result of the expanding use of financial technologies.

• We will support the exports of FinTech companies.

• We will integrate financial literacy, the importance of frugality and courses on the transformation of the consumption culture to the curriculum; spread, diversify, and constantly update these studies.

• We will make the private pension system, the Turkish Catastrophe Insurance Pool (TCIP) practice, agriculture insurances and private health and life insurances more widespread.

• We will put an end to the construction-centred approach and make Istanbul a real Financial Hub.
Policies on Employment and the Reduction of Unemployment

- We will reinstate an environment of confidence and stability in the economy and improve the investment climate to support sustainable growth and the increase of employment offering people decent income.

- We will solve the structural problems related to unemployment by introducing multi-dimensional and inclusive labour-force and vocational training policies.

- We will put forth some legislative changes and an institutional structure to adapt to new job and employment models that are rapidly increasing due to digital transformation.

- We will review employment-related regulations and reduce the financial and non-financial burdens brought about by formal employment.

- We will simplify and facilitate the implementation of tax and social security premium incentives for employment, which are numerous and complex.

- We will make the necessary arrangements to support entrepreneurship and self-employment in the matters of insurance and setting up a business and facilitate the setting up and closure of companies and distribution of shares.

- We will remove the existing restrictions in the services sector for the purpose of paving the way for new job and employment opportunities.

- We will design special support for the new generation business models in the tourism, transport and distribution, communication, media, gaming, e-sports, and real-estate sectors.

- We will provide support such as free internet connectivity and cloud services to technology enterprises in the process of incorporation and also support these enterprises in the later stages of their operation through tax and premium incentives, depending on their levels of growth and quality employment.

- We will enhance the number and quality of common use facilities needed by entrepreneurs.

- We will put forth incentives to create labour demand in high value-added sectors in regions that are likely to be affected by green transformation, to achieve on-site employment.

- We will amend the institutional structure and labour policies of İŞKUR (Turkish Employment Agency) in such a way to prioritize the professions of the future; ensure that disadvantaged citizens are employed and remain in employment and support entrepreneurship.

- We will strengthen İŞKUR’s institutional capacity starting with counselling services.
• We will ensure that İŞKUR gives financing support to the private sector’s projects on vocational training and skills transformation.

• We will register everyone who graduate from secondary and higher education with İSKUR; follow up on their job placement and strengthen the relationship between education and employment.

• We will benefit from technologies such as blockchain and artificial intelligence in job searching, matching and job placement.

• We will establish an independent mechanism with a view to evaluating the efficiency of the employment programmes implemented in our country.

• We will develop and support short training programmes, internships, certificates, distance education, digital training channels and free digital development workshops for youth employment.

• We will develop business models that allow young people to meet the professional life at early ages.

• We will ensure that our youth benefits more from job and employment opportunities in rural sectors such as agricultural production, rural tourism and ecological innovation through dedicated projects, programmes, grants, and training programmes.

• We will create new opportunities to solve the problems of youth unemployment and under-employment by channelling unemployed young people without a background in technology into occupational groups such as entrepreneurship, IT sector and customer experience specialty.

• We will launch infrastructure work to provide students with safe, part-time job opportunities through İSKUR.

• We will launch “Guaranteed Talent Programs” to train young people, especially those neither in education nor in employment, who would like to go towards new career paths or develop their skills, and to provide job matching/orientation at the end of these trainings.

• We will increase the number of after-school activity centres and nurseries with trainers at the neighbourhood level in cooperation with local governments to ensure more active participation of women in the workforce. To this end, we will also improve access to elderly care.

• We will ensure that female domestic workers who work in precarious informal jobs in residences are subjected to the Labour Law.
• We will offer training to women in the field of information technologies and support their employment in this field.

• We will organize entrepreneurship training dedicated to disadvantaged groups to promote their entrepreneurship and encourage them to set up their own businesses through venture funds, tax and SSI premium incentives and credit facilities.

• In addition to sheltered employment, we will launch a “supported employment programme” for our citizens with disabilities based on the recruit-retain-train principle and, within the scope of this programme, provide services such as vocational profiling, job finding, vocational orientation and vocational training courses to enable people with disabilities to participate in the competitive labour market.

• We will create a database containing information on the competencies of individuals with disabilities and the jobs they can do to ensure that they receive training in line with their competencies and increase their employability.

• We will turn all disadvantaged groups, especially people with disabilities and the elderly, into stakeholders of digital transformation and develop projects to provide employment for people with disabilities as qualified employees such as experts in programming, cyber security and e-trade or big data managers.

• We will transfer to the “Preparation for Tomorrow Fund” half of the 2% employer contribution to the Unemployment Insurance Fund, through which we will finance skill acquisition investments for employees at high risk of becoming unemployed, including especially skills development investments for employees of SMEs.

• We will implement a National Skills Acquisition and Development Action Plan.

• We will restructure the vocational training system under On-the-job Training (enterprises, adults-jobs that require fewer skills), Basic Vocational Skills Training (Applied Sciences High Schools, special courses), Corporate Competencies Training (Agriculture High Schools, Technology High Schools, Faculties of Technology and Applied Sciences).

• We will update the vocational training curriculum in line with the professions of the future and provide students with new transferable skills that they can use in different areas.

• We will create new data sets such as profession-task sections, etc. to ensure that skills and talents of people both employed and unemployed can be measured and align them with the requirements of the jobs of the future.

• We will expand vocational profiles to increase the capacity of adaptation to the environment of business and employment that is being shaped based on technology and entrepreneurship.
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• We will benefit from blockchain and artificial intelligence practices in vocational profiling.

• We will establish “Second Chance Schools” with a view to helping individuals who have lost the hope of finding a job or been unemployed for a long time acquire new skills and talents for transition to employment.

• We will help young people acquire a profession in the fields of IT, programming and technology through Technology and Information High Schools.

• We will increase the number of life-long learning programmes to meet the need of adaptation created by rapid transformation in the fields of automation and business.

• We will launch programmes to promote professions and give information on vocational high schools not only to students but also to parents.

• We will expand vocational schools and strengthen the connections between schools and companies.

• We will establish a school administration system in interaction with the business world where the private sector and professional organizations are included in the decision-making processes of vocational and technical schools and assign active roles and responsibilities to the business world in the opening of new departments, fields and branches, educational processes and content, teachers’ development processes, employment of graduates and management and inspection of schools.

• We will eliminate the lack of coordination among ISKUR, TOBB (the Turkish Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges), KOSGEB, Development Agencies and the Vocational Qualifications Authority and the insufficient use of capacity.

• We will implement a system that combines apprenticeship or vocational training and remunerative vocational learning.

• We will align academic education with internship, ameliorate the approach of employers towards internship and alleviate employers’ internship obligations.

• We will encourage the internship and employment of vocational school students at enterprises.

• We will establish vocational and technical schools primarily in organized industrial zones, trade and tourism hubs and centres and in the vicinity of agricultural enterprises.

• We will establish “Technology Campuses” with representatives of the business world on their board of trustees, where short-term training is provided to meet the qualified labour-force needs of the leading sectors in their region.
• We will ensure that vocational training is provided in real production (models/teaching factories, etc.) and virtual teaching environments including vocational course teachers.

• We will benefit from digital education technologies such as augmented and virtual reality and gamification in spreading and increasing the efficiency of vocational training.

• We will establish Vocational Training and Skills Development Workshops on Machinery and meet the prototype development needs of companies in OIZs at the same time.

• We will ensure that vocational high schools benefit more from projects such as e-twinning and Erasmus.

• We will extend the scope of the requirement of a professional competence certificate in such a way to cover all professions.

• We will ensure that individuals’ professional competence examination and certification expenses are covered by the state.

• We will create the skills profiles of employees that can be negatively affected by green transformation; implement skills acquisition and development programmes for groups with high employability so that they can find a job in new employment areas; and provide the necessary incentives.

• We will ensure that local governments assume greater roles in implementing employment policies and providing various employment services.

• We will restructure the Provincial Employment and Vocational Training Boards and make them more effective.

• We will ensure that vocational training institutions to be opened in a province are connected and consistent with the İŞKUR’s analyses on that particular province.

• We will ensure that Development Agencies redefine their priority areas every year to increase employment on a regional level and give priority support to projects in these areas.
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Science Policy

- We will restore the lost national competence and international prestige of the Turkish scientific world in accordance with the philosophy of scientific breakthrough at the foundation of our Republic.

- We will make Turkey a scientific and technological centre of attraction.

- We will carry out our science policy in a human- and freedom-centred approach, focusing on democratic education, scientific thinking, innovation, and technology generation.

- We will restructure the existing scientific institutions, especially TÜBA (Turkish Academy of Sciences), TÜBİTAK (Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey) and higher education institutions, to have autonomy, free from political interference, with a reformist approach so that these institutions will be able to set Turkey’s scientific, technological and development priorities, put forward the necessary strategies for this purpose and support the development of the private sector.

- We will make the Supreme Council of Science and Technology operational again.

- We will support our science and technology policy with our “culture and art policy”, and we will encourage the inclusion of motivating elements in all stimuli from public service announcements, TV series to schoolbooks.

- We will make the principle of excellence, scientific freedom, depth, and openness to innovation the basic criteria in all learning and research processes carried out at universities.

- We will also use existing scientist inventories to identify areas where Turkey’s knowledge base is strong and weak.

- We will implement an urgent action plan building high capability.

- We will ensure Science, Technology, Engineering, Art-Design and Mathematics (STEAM) curriculum reform and human resource transformation in schools and universities.

- We will strengthen basic sciences.

- By establishing new distinguished and internationally respected Basic Sciences Institutes and Basic Sciences Practical Institutes, we will maximize the potential of our country’s brightest academics and young people in fields such as biology, chemistry, physics, and mathematics.

- We will establish “science policy departments” in our technical universities and launch master’s and doctoral programmes to train specialists in this field.
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- We will increase the number of specialists in science by expanding technology management doctoral programmes in our universities.

- We will encourage the employment of managers and specialists with high sectoral and industrial experience and capacity in universities.

- We will include Turkey in international research and innovation networks from which it has been increasingly excluded.

- We will create technology and innovation ecosystems where global companies and foreign academics and researchers will carry out R&D activities.

- We will make necessary improvements and design new programmes by conducting impact assessments of existing programmes to attract the world’s leading scientists and international researchers to Turkey.

- As a member of international research institutions such as CERN and EAS, we will both contribute to and receive contributions from scientific developments.

- We will ensure joint scientific studies with other countries.

- We will support international projects that will strengthen the ties of our academics living abroad with Turkey.

- We will improve the research conditions and opportunities of universities and prepare them for the future.

- In order to eliminate inequalities and differences between public and foundation universities (a special type of private university) in Turkey, we will set basic standards, especially academic employment, R&D qualifications, and scholarships.

  - We will pave the way for academics to work in industrial organisations, technoparks and similar setups, just as they can work in state institutions on leave from the university.

  - In addition to support programmes for the development of science, we will offer support programmes in many areas such as technology transfer, R&D processes, and innovation.

  - We will ensure that academics receive a larger share of the revenues generated from their technology generation and research activities.

  - We will set regulations and practices that will enable undergraduate and graduate students to participate more in project and research processes along with their regular semester courses.

  - We will create a budget for scientific “foresight” research.
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• In order to ensure citizen integration to scientific activity, we will establish such structures as citizen laboratories and co-design centres.

• We will adopt principles in line with the Lima Declaration and the Magna Charta Universitatum and ensure that our universities sign the Magna Charta Universitatum as soon as possible.

Reverse Brain Drain

• We will draft and implement a multi-dimensional Action Plan to Combat Brain Drain.

• In order to prevent brain drain, which has even gone down to high school level, we will equip our education system with liberal and innovative curricula and create the necessary free thinking and working environment.

• We will implement a comprehensive public employment reform that prioritises only merit, where no citizen will be discriminated against or excluded.

• We will make merit-based appointments in institutional administration.

• We will put an end to the oppressive environment and ensure labour peace and justice in our institutions.

• We will prevent our trained manpower from being victims of violence.

• With merit-based incentive and promotion policies, we will restore our universities to the international institutional reputation they deserve.

• We will create favourable economic and social conditions for our trained manpower and improve the employment rights and remuneration of academics.

• We will take steps such as establishing research institutes, research centres and laboratories within universities or as public benefit associations.

• In international cooperation, we will ensure that our legislation and technical infrastructure will be suitable for remote work.

• We will provide financial support for the projects of EU researchers, especially those who receive prestigious grants such as ERC, to carry out their research in our country, encourage our universities in these matters, and facilitate residence and visa procedures.

• We will provide scholarships and research opportunities to attract and retain talented artificial intelligence researchers abroad.
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• We will develop a feedback mechanism where we can regularly assess the problems and suggestions of our students and scientists.

• We will ensure that young Turkish citizens living or studying abroad can also benefit from the Ministry of National Education’s Overseas Postgraduate Education Scholarship Programmes, provided that they complete their compulsory service in Turkey.

• We will provide state support to students who have completed master’s and PhD programmes abroad, and we will establish mechanisms to encourage the return of young people who have completed their programmes.

• We will enhance research support and scholarship opportunities for students pursuing master’s and doctoral programmes and ensure that they continue their education without any employment problems.

• We will provide support to increase domestic employment opportunities for postdoctoral researchers.

Research & Development and Innovation

• In order to make the R&D and digital transformation structure of the public sector plain and effective, we will transform TÜBİTAK into an institution that conducts advanced research in critical areas only with its Research Institutes.

• We will support research, technology and innovation in universities, private and public sectors.

• We will build the National Innovation System with the coordination of relevant ministries and institutions.

• We will establish circular economy units within TÜBİTAK, relevant ministries and institutions.

• We will establish hydrogen and cell fuel research, biomaterial and synthetic biology and augmented reality institutes and departments within TÜBİTAK, relevant ministries and institutions.

• We will increase support and incentives for smart drugs and biomedical technologies.

• We will establish green technological transformation units within relevant institutions, organizations, and ministries in order to create organised industrial zones, an SME eco-system, universities and technocities for green and digital transformation.
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- We will establish specialized centres for product development in the relevant technocities, OIZs and development agencies.
- We will establish an Industrial Design Institute of Turkey and activate the Turkish Design Advisory Council.
- We will plan and manage Turkey’s water, soil, forest, waste, and energy management policies in line with Big Data and Industry 4.0 strategies.
- For Digital and Green Transformation, we will implement “Plain Production Practices” that will maximise the time, space, energy, and work efficiency of our SME Eco-System.
- We will support pre-competitive R&D cooperation between manufacturers and R&D centres working in similar fields.
- We will ensure the functioning of copyright, trademark, and patent law.
- We will pave the way for companies and institutions that collect patents within the framework of our national patent policy.
- We will create industrial value chains by linking R&D, P&D, and business development processes.
- We will support regional centres and R&D and P&D offices to be established by high technology, software, cyber security, and artificial intelligence companies.
- We will provide production facility space allocation and tax and premium incentives to companies that establish a P&D office and commit to producing their high-technology products in our country.
- We will match the technology development zones established in research universities with certain OIZs and non-software sectors, establish research infrastructures in university campuses for the common R&D needs of these sectors, and establish cooperation mechanisms that will enable them to solve technological problems together.
- We will establish innovation interfaces that will directly identify the technological problems of the private sector, transfer them to the university and design solution development strategies together.
- We will establish regional technology transfer offices (TTOs) and technocities that will benefit all universities by merging ineffective university technology transfer offices and technocities.
- We will transform technocities into synergy and innovation environments with joint laboratories and infrastructures.
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• We will make technopark incentives independent of physical location and create technoparks all over Turkey.

• As recommended by the OECD, we will launch a series of regular national innovation surveys.

**Entrepreneurship**

• We will place the entrepreneurs embracing innovative, green, and digital transformation at the centre of our development drive.

• By enacting a Start-Up Law, we will provide a clear framework for legal definitions, status, financial obligations, and incentives related to entrepreneurship.

• We will create a strong entrepreneurship ecosystem in cooperation with public institutions and organisations, unions, foundations, associations, and the business world.

• We will make the education curriculum and philosophy as one of the main pillars of the dynamic entrepreneurial ecosystem.

• We will appoint special representatives/envoys to places where globally successful entrepreneurship ecosystems such as the Silicon Valley are located.

• We will establish a one-stop-shop entrepreneurship centre to meet all the needs of our entrepreneurs as regards permits, licences, incentives, technology transfer, training programmes, mentoring, access to financing, and efficient and effective use of funds.

• We will diversify financial instruments to support entrepreneurship and innovation activities, especially start-ups.

• We will simplify the grant and incentive process for entrepreneurs and shorten the processes.

• We will effectively use the Credit Guarantee Fund to support the medium- to long-term development of innovative firms.

• We will create platforms to enhance the awareness, skills and knowledge of other companies based on existing successful business practices.

• We will provide entrepreneurship trainings and support for entrepreneurship to businesses in order to develop new business ideas, ensure sustainability and create a standing business infrastructure.
• We will support the skills and opportunities of companies in areas such as e-commerce, virtual stores, digital design, personalised products, and environmental products.

• We will enhance the consultancy support mechanisms in product development, commercialisation and market access provided to viable start-ups operating in digital and innovative technological products.

• We will increase coordination and cooperation between state economic enterprises, local administrations, and entrepreneurs.

• We will take steps to attract foreign angel investors to Turkey who can provide international financial support to local start-ups.

• We will support software activities at the highest level and ensure that productivity-oriented engineering software such as for enterprise resource planning and customer relationship management are widely used in all types of businesses.

• We will develop special incentive packages for women and youth entrepreneurship.

• We will ensure that the competences of product and service suppliers and the certification processes of consultancy services are determined by independent boards.

• We will prepare a plan to develop regionally based thematic incubation centres for new initiatives.

• We will facilitate the registration and patent procedures of new initiatives and provide support for registration and patent expenses.

• By including successful entrepreneurs in mentoring and training at TÜBİTAK, universities and private incubation centres, we will ensure that their knowledge, experience, and networks contribute more to the start-up eco-system.

• We will establish a strong legal and accounting infrastructure for employee stock options.

• We will pave the way for entrepreneurship to our citizens of all ages by removing the age restriction in the support provided for those who register for taxation purposes for the first time.

• We will establish an EU-Turkey start-up focus programme funded through CONNECT and SCALEUP under the EU’s Horizon Europe programme, facilitating start-ups in the EU and Turkey to establish partnerships for technology, and capital and market access.

• In addition to our national contribution to the Turkey Future Fund, which was established in 2019 with a fund of funds approach but remains small in scale, we will increase the
contribution of the European Commission, the European Investment Fund and international financing institutions and facilitate access to venture capital for entrepreneurial and innovative companies.

- We will ensure greater utilisation of technology-focused private equity instruments and facilities of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

- We will implement an “e-residency” model, which will ensure that foreign companies wishing to provide services to the Turkish market without having a physical presence will be subject to tax and legal liability.

- We will introduce entrepreneurship courses in the university curriculum, primarily in Anatolian universities, which will not count as credits for graduation, but which students will be able to take if they wish, and we will ensure the development of fine skills by providing training in business development, customer experience and product management, trade, and similar subjects.

**Digital Transformation**

- We will establish a Ministry of Informatics and Innovation.

- We will ensure the independence of the Information and Communication Technologies Authority (BTK).

- We will establish a Science and Technology Advisory Council consisting of leading scientists, managers and experts from Turkey and the world.

- We will set informatics as a strategic sector.

- We will establish an Artificial Intelligence Ethics Committee.

- We will create digital and technology transformation policies in a participatory approach.

- We will resolve the risks of supervision and interception pressure and penalties on telecommunication operators on the basis of fair competition, differentiation in technology and service, freedom, and democracy, based on standards in line with internationally recognised principles.

- We will examine all ongoing concession agreements, past processes, and transfer legislation in the telecommunications sector, and we will implement a new authorisation regime in line with the standards of developed countries.

- We will implement the future strategy of the telecommunications sector within the framework of competition conditions.
• We will transfer Türk Telekom and Turkcell shares transferred to the Wealth Fund to the Treasury and ensure their independent management in line with modern governance principles.

• We will extend the terms of the 2G concession contracts, which currently bring investments to a standstill in the sector, until the expiry date of the 4.5G contracts in return for a fee.

• We will issue 5G licences to operators as soon as possible to ensure the fastest deployment of new technologies.

• We will take an active role in international institutions, organisations, and partnerships such as the European Union, the United Nations and OECD, ITU and GSMI, as well as the Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence and EuroHPC, which operate in the field of digital transformation and entrepreneurship.

• By launching the digital residence permit programme, we will provide residence permits to foreign professionals who want to establish a technology start-up in Turkey or who work for a start-up in Turkey.

• We will participate in the European Union “Digital Europe” programme.

• We will accelerate efforts for Turkey’s inclusion in the European Single Digital Market.

• We will make arrangements for the establishment of common infrastructures for efficient use of resources and acceleration of infrastructure installation.

• We will create the Fibre Strategy Document and Action Plan in coordination with relevant institutions to establish a common and widespread optical fibre infrastructure.

• We will increase the optical fibre length to two million kilometres as soon as possible.

• We will re-regulate the right of way legislation and fees in order to develop the optical fibre infrastructure.

• We will ensure uninterrupted access of optical fibre infrastructure to households and workplaces.

• We will provide support to our local entrepreneurs in developing 5G technologies, which will become widespread with the implementation of national optical fibre infrastructure investments.

• We will support collective work on issues involving fundamental intellectual property rights such as 6G within the framework of university-industry cooperation.
• We will catch up with the OECD level in the fixed broadband penetration rate according to the population.

• We will publish a broadband Turkey Online Internet Infrastructure Map accessible by every internet service provider.

• We will do the necessary work to make Turkey the internet traffic exchange centre of the surrounding region.

• We will define access to the Internet as a fundamental human right and ensure that our citizens have access to secure, fast, cheap, and uncensored Internet everywhere.

• We will reduce the tax on Internet access.

• We will reduce the digital services tax.

• We will reduce the BTK cuts.

• We will reduce the tax burden on digital devices such as laptops, tablets, and mobile phones.

• With the aim of ensuring equal opportunities, we will reorganise digital service and hardware taxes for disadvantaged groups, students, and teachers, and provide free or discounted technological equipment and software support to these groups in line with their income levels.

• In order to ensure equal opportunities and to eliminate injustices in distance education processes, we will provide free access to 5 GB of internet per month to all students and young people between the ages of 6 to 25 together with the private sector.

• We will provide uninterrupted and free internet service in public areas (squares, libraries, etc.).

• We will use the Universal Service Fund in accordance with its purpose with a transparent management approach, and we will eliminate digital inequalities, especially in rural-urban segregation and education.

• We will establish a legislative basis for data centres in line with internationally accepted principles.

• We will implement cloud computing in Turkey, which will provide services on a national scale, and we will establish the most advanced structural technological hardware and security content on data collection centres.

• We will reduce the internet access costs of data centre operators and create special finance models and incentives for data centres.
• With the Cloud Computing Law, we will provide incentives to attract global data centre investors to Turkey.

• We will implement an effective organisation to classify the companies in the IT sector and determine the minimum certification levels.

• We will establish the legal infrastructure to ensure that the IT sector operates according to professional rules, ethical values, and competences.

• We will create centres of excellence in the IT sector.

• We will establish an Artificial Intelligence and Autonomous Systems City on a total area of 40 sqkm.

• By establishing Digital Technology Production Farms, we will ensure the return of academics and designers currently working abroad to the country.

• We will establish an Open Data Platform with the aim of ensuring transparency in the public sector, developing data-centred innovations, building a culture of working with data and opening data to the control of a wider audience.

• We will make public institutions’ health, traffic, meteorology, notary raw data and similar data anonymously available to local entrepreneurs.

• We will transfer all public functions such as licences, title deeds, certificates, diplomas and similar record-based functions, property declarations of public employees, all fixtures and inventory lists in the public sector to the blockchain infrastructure open to public scrutiny.

• We will move identity card, health records and similar services to the blockchain platform within the framework of personal privacy and access which will depend on the permission of the individual.

• By establishing an international trade platform (INTERSECT) in blockchain architecture, we will reduce bureaucracy in foreign trade transactions, reduce intermediation costs, and establish a transparent and reliable foreign trade infrastructure.

• We will strengthen the capacities of urban information systems.

• We will establish new generation disaster management centres, make use of technology at every stage of the fight against disasters, make effective use of sensors in risk analysis, satellites in monitoring the progress of the disaster, and drone and robot technologies in rescue operations.

• We will ensure that the coverage areas, speed data, stress test results of mobile and broadband operators are measured by an independent consortium and published on public platforms.
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- We will also include software and local revenue generation in the definition of ‘domestic goods’.

- We will ensure the completion of existing projects in the fields of satellite technologies and the realisation of new projects required by the needs of the country.

- We will prepare an appropriate legal basis for inter-institutional data sharing.

- We will develop guidelines by relevant institutions to ensure ethical awareness in the development of digital technologies.

- Law No. 5651 on the Regulation of Internet Posts and Combating Crimes Committed through Such Posts will be reformed in a way to protect the freedom of expression and personal privacy of all users on social media channels, within the framework of universal, pluralistic, and democratic principles and with a wide consultation.

- We will reconsider the rights and obligations of social media platforms and cancel censorship provisions.

- We will encourage the public sector to use and develop open-source software.

- We will make arrangements to facilitate the adoption of “open standards” in all areas, consistent with the digital information society approach.

- We will harmonise the provisions in the Law on Consumer Protection regarding the use of digital products and services, e-money, and e-payment legislation with the EU legislation.

- We will ensure that Turkey is classified as a secure country at EU standards, thus paving the way for the use and development of cloud computing, big data, and artificial intelligence.

- By closely following the work of the Council of Europe Artificial Intelligence Convention, we will ensure that the approach based on human rights, democracy and the rule of law is adopted in our country.

- We will enact cryptocurrency and asset legislation and eliminate uncertainties in the sector.

- We will take steps regarding the regulation and supervision of exchanges related to crypto assets, ensure confidence in these markets, and protect small investors.

- We will implement legal regulations on technologies that will enable the integration of digital assets with payment systems.

- We will closely follow the new approaches regarding the reflections of developing technologies on the regulations on intellectual and industrial property rights and will take the necessary steps in this regard.
• Transparency of the public sector and protection of the privacy of citizens’ personal information will be our main principles.

• Law No. 6698 on the Protection of Personal Data will be aligned with the European Union’s General Data Protection Regulation.

• We will create a privacy armour for personal information and take measures to ensure that the data belonging to our citizens are kept within the borders of Turkey.

• We will prevent the use of public oversight power as a weapon against political opponents.

• We will determine the framework of the “right to be forgotten” in the digital environment according to objective criteria.

• We will develop an action plan for the use of technology in education and a new strategy focused on digital education together with all stakeholders.

• We will provide at least one internet-connected device to each classroom.

• We will improve computer labs in schools and ensure their effective use.

• In the education curriculum, we will consider policies on the prevention of risks associated with long-term/excessive use of digital technologies, including addiction.

• We will offer digital literacy and media literacy integrated with other courses and/or as a separate course.

• We will ensure that digital learning resource providers meet certain quality standards.

• We will make the necessary updates in EBA (Education Information Network), especially content development, and keep the EBA infrastructure ready and up to date so that it can be used at any time.

• We will make the necessary investments to increase EBA live lesson capacity.

• We will provide academic support and increase doctoral scholarships in order to strengthen digital technologies within the higher education system.

• We will establish new research centres for digital technologies in higher education.

• We will provide hardware, software, and optical fibre internet connections to every school.

• We will ensure that awareness is raised about negative phenomena such as digital violence.
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Agriculture

- We will restructure the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry as the “Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security”.

- We will restructure the central and rural organisation of the Ministry so as to ensure agricultural transformation.

- We will remove the Ministry staff, especially the Provincial Directorates of Agriculture, from a position of registrar and data tracker, creating a structure that actively works in the field.

- We will run the Agriculture & Forestry Council effectively.

- We will identify and implement agricultural policies based on data, information, and effective planning.

- We will carry out agricultural and livestock census every 5 years.

- Setting up an Agricultural Data and Information System of Turkey, we will integrate all database applications such as livestock registry, dairy registry, farmer’s registry.

- We will replace the “Farmer Registry System”, which excludes many of our farmers, with an “Agricultural Production Registry System” that is based on farm title deeds and lease contracts for the purpose of insurance and agricultural subsidies.

- We will restructure Agricultural Institutions, activate State-Owned Enterprises such as the Meat and Dairy Authority, Çay-Kur, Turkish Grain Board as well as agricultural cooperatives and unions so that they support farmers and production.

- We will effectively fulfil the provision under the article 21 of the Law on Agriculture stipulating that funds to be allocated to agricultural subsidies programmes from the budget shall not be less than one percent of the gross national product, which has never been complied with to date.

- We will implement agricultural subsidies in such a way that is based on production and productivity, basins, taking into account regional disparities, sustainable and efficient.

- We will eliminate the burden of SCT for production equipment and machinery used in agriculture, fisheries, and forestry.

- We will reimburse farmers through subsidies for the 50 percent of the fertiliser costs incurred.

- We will reimburse farmers through subsidies for the 50 percent of the seed costs incurred.
• We will adopt a discounted electricity tariff for agriculture.

• We will offer the electricity generated with Solar Farm licences to be allocated to the Turkish Agriculture-Credit Cooperatives for agricultural irrigation purposes for a nominal fee that will cover operational, amortisation, and electricity transmission costs.

• We will ensure that agricultural irrigation and electricity bills are collected after the harvest.

• We will set base prices for major agricultural products based on considerations of cost, FX rate, inflation, and decent income for our farmers.

• We will publish agricultural product buying prices prior to sowing.

• We will effectively implement buying supports, avoiding causing a supply surplus in strategic products.

• We will deliver input subsidies before farmers plough their fields, milk their cows, send their livestock to slaughterhouse, paying other subsidies within 90 days after production.

• We will provide women and youth under 30 who work in agriculture with social security premium support.

• We will plan the Agricultural social security (BAĞ-KUR) premium payments of our farmers so that they are due after harvest, with no interest and we will provide them with universal healthcare coverage.

• We will prioritise youth in support schemes including incentives such as leasing state-owned land, venture capital, and low-interest loans and help to rejuvenate the profession.

• We will reorganise facilities and businesses under TİGEM so as to offer practical training to young farmers, lease these facilities and businesses to entrepreneurs who will carry out seed improvement and development activities at suitable scale.

• We will support innovative research primarily in draught-resistant seed development and projects on import substitution in seeds.

• We will develop seed gene banks, ensuring preservation and utilisation of heirloom and local seeds.

• We will develop specialised investment and incentive programmes for establishing new production facilities, increasing the capacity of the existing ones to eventually reduce import dependency in fertiliser.

• We will make Ziraat Bank the bank of farmers again.
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• We will erase the interest on the loans used by our farmers from banks and Agricultural Credit Cooperatives and restructure their borrowing.

• We will ensure that repayment deadlines of agricultural loans are determined on the basis of harvest period.

• We will provide favourable loan support for agricultural investments.

• We will ensure that under no circumstances can agricultural production equipment such as tractors, harvesters, farm machinery and livestock assets owned by farmers be sequestered.

• We will protect raw milk and meat producers against price increases in animal feed by introducing parity practice.

• We will provide families in livestock business who lack financial means with affordable breeder animal support via grants, affordable loans, and TİGEM.

• We will plan crop production so as to include industrial feed/concentrate feed production.

• We will support the production of fodder plants while also subsidising their utilisation.

• We will rapidly complete the pasture identification and delimitation procedures, reopen closed pasture zones for use, and make all pastures free-of-charge.

• We will ensure optimal use of plateau potential, meet their infrastructure and safety needs such as transport, power, accommodation without degrading the environment.

• We will support livestock businesses in developing their own compound feed units.

• We will transition to time-dependent short-term nutrition model in cattle breeding businesses.

• We will also produce an animal race map of our country to improve our native race animals.

• We will develop support schemes for livestock input based on breeding potential of regions including but not limited to pasture seeding and for animal product processing facilities.

• We will make veterinary services available widespread, track calf and lamb deaths to eventually reduce mortality.

• We will promote domestic manufacturing of vaccines used in veterinary services.

• We will make artificial insemination free-of-charge so as to promote it further.
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• We will support the sector through programmes such as free school meals and school milk.

• We will provide the poultry sector with R&D support to help meet breeder animal needs domestically.

• We will implement projects on Beehive Standardisation, Identification of Honey Varieties, Trace Tracking to ensure standardisation in apiculture.

• We will introduce quality criteria to honey sector, carry out the necessary inspections on forfeited and adulterated products.

• We will provide support services on training and quality in apiculture sector.

• We will support beekeepers in accommodation, transport assistance and insurances, energy-electricity, lodging locations, sugar needs, equipment needs.

• We will carry out Marine and Inland fishery Stock and Reserve Management in accordance with the National Master Plan.

• We will ensure use of technological methods for the collection of eggs-larvae, age, size-weight, gonad, reproductive and similar data to better manage stocks of economically and ecologically important commercial species, support R&D work.

• We will support sustainable aquaculture and fishing in our seas and inland waters.

• We will increase the fish population and quantity by creating fish breeding areas in our seas.

• We will provide quick solutions to the most fundamental problems of the fisheries and aquaculture sector such as Inventory, Rehabilitation of Fishing Shelters, Product Labelling and Origin, Employment and Supply of Seafarers, Diesel Oil Support.

• We will open different sectoral windows in rural development with tourism projects such as ecotourism, gastronomy, and agrological tourism.

• We will support the capacity building or renovation of existing businesses.

• We will encourage food businesses to process agricultural products on site.

• We will integrate industry, logistics and marketing activities by establishing Organized Agricultural Zones.

• We will ensure the integration of Organized Agricultural Zones to railways.

• We will focus on branding in order for agricultural products to find a place in domestic and foreign markets.
VI. SECTORAL POLICIES

- We will support small family farmers with grants by making exemplary projects.
- We will increase the project literacy of farmers and animal breeders operating in the agricultural sector.
- We will establish social living spaces in our villages.
- We will reopen village schools and health centres.
- We will hold at least one technical staff such as agricultural engineer, veterinary doctor, agricultural technician responsible for a village according to the production pattern.
- We will ensure that our farmers unite under an organized structure.
- We will strengthen the institutional capacity of agricultural organizations such as producer unions and cooperatives and make them effective.
- We will introduce a “corporate governance and audit” approach to co-operatives.
- We will adapt capital allocation, crowdfunding and similar practices that can meet the financing needs of co-operatives to our country’s co-operative sector and ensure transparent oversight.
- We will develop enterprise partnership and contract farming models and ensure that the Ministry of Agriculture and the Chamber of Agriculture are also stakeholders in the contract when necessary.
- Focusing on the original function of the Agricultural Credit Cooperatives, we will ensure that investments are made to have agricultural inputs such as fertilisers, pesticides, seeds, animal feed, for which we are dependent on imports, are produced domestically and to stabilise input prices.
- We will ensure that organisations such as the Central Union of Agricultural Milk Producers, Union of Breeders Association become more efficient and actually serve their purpose.
- We will restructure the Bahri Dağdaş International Agricultural Research Institute in Konya to serve as the Bahri Dağdaş Climate Change Adaptation Centre.
- We will hold onto the Atatürk Forest Farm (AOÇ) project and set up an Academy of Agricultural Sciences with the same name, developing agricultural technologies at this academy and complementing the educational infrastructure of agricultural vocational high schools to be established with linkages to the academy.
- We will set up a biodiversity centre, a technology hub, R&D units, and technoparks with a primary focus on seed and genetic resource technologies under the AOÇ Academy of Agricultural Sciences.
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• We will increase the number of specialised universities on food and agriculture, shaping them into Research Universities that conduct R&D and P&D for food zones.

• Restructuring the TARSİM (pool of agricultural insurances), we will create a strong and agile agricultural insurance structure.

• We will include the “Agricultural Accident and Risk Insurance” in the scope of Government Backed Agricultural Insurances.

• We will launch “Revenue Insurance” studies for some strategic products.

• We will encourage investments in licenced warehouse business, ramp up leasing subsidies, develop the capabilities of the licenced warehouse business compensation fund and expand the scope of insurance services to promote licenced warehouse system and encourage establishment of modern warehouses also for non-cereal product groups.

• We will promote our licenced warehouse and product brokering system within our immediate vicinity under the leadership of Turkey in such a way that protects our farmers, creating significant vantage points and new opportunities for our agricultural product trading in international markets.

• We will shorten the marketing chain from farmers who scale up through organised structures to consumers, provide support to build the logistics capacity of producers’ organisations.

• We will ensure that product prices are based on quality and hubs such as wholesale market halls, stock markets, where prices are formed, are equipped with modern storage and laboratory systems.

• We will ensure higher quality service by equipping wholesale market halls with modern infrastructure and creating competition among market halls.

• We will legislate to allow the relevant Ministry to issue establishment and operational licences for wholesale market halls with a view to maintain competition among market halls and to ensure efficient supervision on behalf of the government.

• We will promote product tag practice based on the Market Hall Registry System, allowing consumers to supervise the market.

• We will transform traditional farmers’ markets where majority of fresh produce trading takes place into registered, transparent, and safe trade zones in effective coordination and cooperation with local governments.

• We will ensure that market stalls are utilised as zones where farmers who are cooperative members or have farmer’s licence sell their products in the remaining days of the week.
VI. SECTORAL POLICIES

• We will support urban farming and hydroponic vertical farming.

• We will create strategies to minimise carbon footprint and lower transport margins, strengthen cold chain infrastructure in collaboration with local governments.

• We will minimise the risk of accessing food in times of disasters, crises, and pandemics by mobilising the agricultural and food hubs near large cities.

• We will launch research into the potential impact of the climate change on the agricultural sector, develop strategies for the threats and opportunities revealed by research results.

• We will deliver intense and regular training for our farmers on areas such as business administration, financial literacy, use of technology, irrigation, good agricultural practices, organic agricultural practices, creating a brand and marketing strategy, right packaging and accessing global markets.

• We will protect our agricultural land and pastures.

• We will register all of the 1st-, 2nd-, and 3rd-grade agricultural land and some of the 4th-grade agricultural land as “Strategic Source of National Food Security” and prevent any use other than for agricultural purposes.

• We will pursue land consolidation practices in a fair and effective manner.

• We will help small-land owner or landless farmers to acquire land.

• We will not allow the national wealth to be destroyed by supporting farmers in need, primarily those who are older, with disabilities, unable to sow their fields, look after their orchards, vineyards, from production to harvesting.

• We will make soil analysis mandatory, help our farmers get the analyses done free-of-charge.

• We will facilitate the leasing of State-owned land by the Ministry of Agriculture to those who want to engage in agricultural activities based on market prices on condition that the Treasury remained the owner, collecting leases after harvesting.

• We will facilitate financing for those farmers who want to make their land suitable for scale economy.

• We will bring water to our land by rapidly completing irrigable agricultural land and pastures through existing irrigation projects as well as new ones.

• We will prioritise completing infrastructure investments under GAP, KOP, and DAP projects, primarily irrigation canals.
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• We will continue increasingly investing in the expansion of irrigable lands; prioritise technological infrastructure and research investments for the right and efficient use of water, promote the cutting-edge technologies that help prevent wasting water in irrigation.

• We will support conversion from existing open canal irrigation networks into pressurised pipe systems without interest, promoting pressurised systems and drip irrigation.

• We will ensure food safety and food security from soil to table.

• We will close any loopholes in and raise awareness about food security regulations.

• We will activate food safety inspections and share accurate and up-to-date information on the issue publicly.

• We will prevent food waste by identifying points of loss from farm to fork in agricultural and processed foods.

• We will organise training sessions at schools to prevent food waste.

• We will set up an efficient inspection mechanism for agricultural products and foodstuff entering the country illegally and work on a new and comprehensive piece of legislation on the issue.

• We will effectively combat informality, with a primary focus on agricultural products, in inward processing regime practices.

• We will limit agricultural product import licences to products that are not or cannot be sufficiently produced through Inward Processing Regime and issue such licences transparently in a competitive environment.

• We will not allow importation prior to and during the harvesting period.

• We will support R&D work and investments that could minimise import dependency in agricultural input.

• We will introduce measures to prevent bio-smuggling and protect genetic resources.

• We will re-establish the bio-security council which was abolished.

• We will organise the necessary training activities to help protect biological diversity, endemic plants, and prevent their extinction.

• We will identify our plant and animal genetic resources at risk, take necessary measures for their propagation.
VI. SECTORAL POLICIES

• We will control the tracking of agricultural pesticide and fertiliser use, bring the pesticide residue ratio below international standards.

• We will strictly inspect the use of pesticides.

• We will free farmers of the financial burden of the QR code system applied to all types of fertilisers including but not limited to organo-mineral fertilisers besides nitrate fertilisers.

• We will provide infrastructure and training support on issues such as good & organic farming practices, creating brands and marketing strategies, right packaging, and accessing global markets for high value-added foreign trade sectors including but not limited to medicinal and aromatic plants, cut flowers, live plants, and flower bulbs.

• We will support product standardisation efforts, promote regional export-oriented farmers’ organisations particularly in products such as apples and citrus fruits with a view to expand our share in external markets through fresh, dried, and manufactured goods.

• We will provide investment support for modernising and expanding the existing greenhouses and for building new greenhouses, packaging facilities, and warehouses.

• We will encourage cutting-edge greenhouse systems in regions with geothermal resources.

• We will encourage digital agriculture practices such as productivity and development detection with remote sensing tools, widespread use of sensors, and the development and use of robotic technologies in the agricultural sector.

• Collaborating with local governments, we will launch the “Seasonal Living Spaces” project, no later than within 2 years, to improve the living standards of seasonal agricultural workers particularly in terms of accommodation, healthcare, and hygiene, ensuring their children attend the nearest education facility by also covering their transport and meal costs.

• We will follow up seasonal agricultural workers through a registry system.

• We will adopt insurance support models that are compliant with the working conditions of the sector with a view to preventing informality in agriculture and helping to strengthen social rights of agricultural workers.
Industry and Technology

- We will transform the industry into an important element of the economy that is based on production and efficiency, increasing the share of manufacturing industry within national income.

- We will transform industrial production and exportation into a highly value-added structure based on advanced technology in light of Industry 4.0 and knowledge-based economy.

- We will focus the industrialisation and technology policy “not on keeping up with but on breakthroughs”.

- We will ensure that Turkey gets a greater share of the high value-added pie of the global value chain.

- We will bring the share of high-tech products in manufacturing industry exports up to 10 percent, taking the intensity of mid-high technology to 40 percent levels.

- We will ramp up the existing subsidies and offer new incentives for such sectors and products as machinery manufacturing, electronics, industrial robot manufacturing, technical textiles, organic product manufacturing, recyclable products, energy-saving products, smart products, medicines, vaccines, electric cars, autonomous vehicles, autonomous aerial, land, marine vehicles, rail transport, signalling, aerospace industries, fertilisers, software, medical, semi-conductors, artificial intelligence and data technologies, smart city technologies, virtual reality, renewable energy technologies, digital and high-tech farming, biotechnology and food, nanotechnology, surface vehicles, advanced composites, new generation metal sheets, engineering plastics, carbon fibre, innovative construction sub-industry products and aluminium.

- We will support technology areas including but not limited to deep technologies such as healthcare technologies, nuclear fusion, battery technologies, bioengineering, fin-tech and blockchain technologies, communications and cloud technologies, green economy, creative industries bringing together performance arts, design and digital gaming sector, publishing, cultural heritage, architecture, and festivals.

- We will set up nation-wide industry, technology, and cyber security valleys that will be developed across the axes of talent management, connectivity, green manufacturing, innovation, and digitalisation, with modern infrastructure, including social spaces.

- We will develop and implement business and cooperation models between public and private sector for investment projects focusing on especially manufacturing sector but also on those with larger scale, with potential to increase the competitiveness of the economy, reduce import dependency, requiring large capital, capable of eliminating regional disparities.
VI. SECTORAL POLICIES

- We will develop mechanisms to enable the private sector to contribute to decision-making processes as well as to the development and implementation of actions plans of the public sector to the greatest extent possible.

- We will promote Sharing Economies that require cooperation between public institutions, local governments, SMEs, and cooperatives.

- We will highlight cooperation between the public-university-industry and the civil society.

- We will ensure that our country is an active part of the innovative ecosystem of the European Union.

- We will help the Directorate General for Productivity under the Ministry of Industry acquire an autonomous structure similar to the National Productivity Centre so as to make it more targeted and work more interactively with universities, private sector, and relevant stakeholders.

- We will develop industrial and technology-based clusters.

- We will support specialised OIZs.

- We will help to establish new generation Green OIZs and transform the existing ones, setting up Digital and Green Transformation Centres within all OIZs.

- We will establish Technology High Schools, managed by relevant stakeholders within the OIZs.

- We will rapidly complete long-neglected railway connections of our OIZs.

- Increasing the capacity of our ports, we will complete their digital transformation.

- We will re-determine the management structure of the OIZs.

- We will prevent OIZ lands to turn into profit-making tools, introduce a ceiling to land allocation and sales for the OIZ management, shifting the focus from real estate to industrial output.

- We will ensure compliance with construction works starting and completion deadlines stipulated by the implementing regulation to help prevent speculative land allocation and sales.

- We will ensure transparent processing of provisional market pricing and licences.

- We will ensure trans-location of industries with inadequate physical capacity or polluting the environment.
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON COMMON POLICIES

• We will introduce incubation centres, learn-by-doing workshops, and entrepreneurship centres to small industrial sites.

• We will support new product, production methods and design capabilities in all branches of activity and business groups.

• We will aim to disseminate technology and productivity through competent and leading companies in their respective sectors to other businesses.

• We will offer strong incentives for innovative foreign capital investments.

• We will effectively use public procurements to support innovative products and strategic sectors.

• We will support national SMEs manufacturing in the field of the technologies of Turkey as well as our innovation ecosystem in national and international tenders.

• We will ensure that the 15% price advantage adopted for domestic product procurement is also applicable to leasing tenders through service procurement.

• We will enhance the capacities and capabilities of the National Calibration, Test, Quality, and Certification Centres that meet international accreditation and standards.

• We will set up the ARF Institute which will develop applied research and commercialise outputs related to emerging technologies for the use of the business world.

• We will ensure the transformation of the industry within the framework of the European Green Deal and support our green economy-based tech, finance, and service businesses.

• We will develop a ‘Green Transformation R&D Support Package’ to help industrial facilities that are likely to be adversely impacted by Green Transformation to adapt to this transformation.

• We will develop specialised financing methods for eco-friendly products and sustainable production and ensure that this sector gets a greater share of international financing opportunities.

• We will develop tools and platforms to help leading companies with best practices in green transformation to transfer their experience and access to finance towards SMEs.

• We will bring together the scattered institutional structure and incentive mechanisms related to the promotion of investment and R&D activities under a common institutional umbrella and database also by carrying out impact analyses.

• We will update the industry inventory, making the incentive system information based.
VI. SECTORAL POLICIES

- We will offer the incentives and subsidies in a holistic approach that takes into account elements such as the integrity of production chain, scale economy, productivity, digital and green transformation, global competition climate, net added value, breakthrough and growth potential, emphasis on formalisation, financing, institutional capacity, reducing disparities across regions, and sustainability.

- We will transform incentive and support practices so that they are performance-based, also requiring impact analyses.

- We will implement the “Project-Based Incentive System” in an objective, fair, and transparent manner.

- We will provide our SMEs with technological check-up and roadmap for their digital transformation and transition to industry 4.0.

- We will provide digital service and technology subsidies for SMEs.

- We will encourage SMEs and social enterprises to use cloud computing, electronic supply, and stock management methods.

- We will develop a legal definition for software development profession based on education and experience, eliminating the spatial limitation on the income tax withholding incentive offered to software developers.

**Defence Industry**

- Taking our defence industry to a far more advanced point, we will reduce our country’s dependence on imports in the field of defence, create an ecosystem that will pioneer the development of dual-use advanced industrial technologies, amplify the operational strength and deterrent power of our armed forces, and develop high value-added export.

- We will put an end to political appointments and nepotism in public institutions and organisations related to defence industry, ensuring that these institutions and organisations operate on the basis of merit and expertise.

- We will create a structure that is transparent, accountable, and free of political influences which will centralise roles and responsibilities related to the defence industry at the Presidency of Defence Industries.

- We will ensure that Commanders-in-Chief of Armed Forces take part in the Defence Industry Executive Committee as well.
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• We will develop mechanisms to create synergies, cooperation, and coordination between the Presidency of Defence Industries and other institutions, organisations, and foundation companies and private businesses operating in the field of defence industry.

• We will clear the path for the private sector in Defence Industry and ensure fair competition in the sector.

• We will ensure private sector participation in defence industry tenders without labelling them as close to or distant from the government, without favouritism, through transparent and simplified bureaucratic processes, and we will ensure that the same principles are applied in audits.

• We will create an ecosystem in which actors support, develop, and grow one another through main and sub-systems, and will pave the way for our defence industry companies, especially SMEs, to make future-oriented investments by sharing the projections of the needs of our armed forces and security forces over the years with the private sector.

• We will restructure the Turkish Armed Forces Foundation and its affiliates, free the Foundation management of political influences, and publicly and transparently disclose the use of the Foundation's resources.

• We will ensure that foundation companies operating in the defence industry operate within the framework of principles that are auditable, measurable, open to performance and efficiency evaluation, merit-based, compliant with strategic and professional management.

• We will eliminate drawbacks that arise/will arise due to the fact that the Foundation Companies are mostly assigned as the sole supply source, and we will support the development of next-gen technologies with projects and incentives that small-medium entrepreneurs can take part in.

• We will restructure the MKEK and eliminate import dependency in explosives, conventional weapons, and ammunition.

• We will manage the major procurement projects in such a way that does not disrupt the structure and planning of the forces, is in line with the concrete security climate and needs, does not contradict the country’s foreign policy.

• We will create a stand-alone and special budget to realistically implement and fully localise projects including but not limited to the National Combat Aircraft whose development timeline has repeatedly lagged behind, Primary Trainer Jet, Altay Tank, TF 2000 Frigate, 4G and 5G base station and network infrastructure, military surveillance and communication satellites and other similar projects, allocate the relevant specialised staff.

• We will complete the engine procurement process for the Altay Tank, and in parallel with this, we will initiate the work on domestic engines, which are greatly needed for air, land,
and naval platforms, and we will continue and successfully conclude the work on domestic aircraft and tanks with a great mobilisation.

- We will accelerate Turkey’s satellite development and satellite launch activities, combine civil and military satellite programmes, prioritise the localisation of critical technologies in this field, and increase the localisation rate to at least 50 percent.

- We will increase the currently low domestic content rate in the defence industry to 80 percent in real terms within 10 years.

- We will transform ASELSAN, TAI, MKE, Roketsan, TEI and Havelsan into global companies through consolidation, strategic acquisitions, mergers, venture capital investment and effective planning with the active support of the private sector.

- We will establish a Defence Industry Industrial Design and Manufacturing Centre to domestically produce all materials and inputs, including the new generation ones, which are inevitable to be used in the defence industry.

- We will prevent direct procurement from abroad under the pretext of urgent need, and we will take as a basis the procurement of systems that do not impose any limits on use.

- In case of procurement abroad, we will pave the way for the use of our balance in offset applications of the resources that go abroad, especially in defence-themed entrepreneurship funds.

- In addition to the development of conventional warfare, weapons, vehicle systems, and capabilities, we will prioritise, in the new initiatives and university projects that we will invest in, capabilities that will play a decisive role in the wars of the future, such as nanotechnology, biotechnology and robotic systems, in order to respond to future security needs.

- We will increase the resources allocated to R&D, P&D and Venture Capital in the defence industry and support the R&D activities of the private sector.

- We will develop a widespread incubation environment for innovative products and provide incentives and active support to the initiatives of individuals and private organisations in this direction.

- Considering the principles of national interest and national security, we will not go ahead with privatisation of military factories that would undermine critical capabilities and services, and we will carry out privatisations in areas of activity that are deemed to be appropriate in a free, competitive environment and in accordance with public procurement legislation, at an equal distance to all national bidders.

- In order to rapidly implement existing and new projects, we will cancel the allocation of the Sakarya Tank Track Factory within the framework of legal legislation.
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON COMMON POLICIES

• We will ensure that our researchers who are sent abroad and complete their degree add value to our domestic defence industry as Defence Industry R&D and P&D experts, under the coordination of the Ministry of National Defence, the Ministry of Industry and Technology and the Ministry of National Education.

• We will prepare and implement the Action Plan for Combating Brain Drain in the Defence Industry, which will reintroduce our engineers and all technical teams who have left the defence industry of our country due to wrong policies and practices and are working in companies abroad.

Energy

• We will revise the roles and responsibilities of the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources (MENR), put an end to its interference with the jurisdiction of the Energy Markets Regulatory Authority (EMRA).

• We will re-evaluate the anti-competitive privileges in fundamental laws such as the Electricity Market, Natural Gas Market and Petroleum Market.

• In order to increase transparency and accountability in energy management, we will publish all legislative amendments and tender results of MENR and all Board Decisions of EMRA with their justifications within a week.

• We will set up an ‘Energy Consumer Portal’ to ensure a one-stop-shop follow-up of frequent consumer complaints in electricity, natural gas, and fuel markets.

• We will ensure that the citizens, industrialists, and tradespeople do not buckle under high prices by providing them with direct financial support from the budget rather than incentives and subsidies that are sure to disrupt the balance of supply & demand in the energy sector.

• We will put an end to the permanent daylight-saving time practice.

• We will effectively utilise different business and cooperation models between the private and public sectors in the field of energy.

• We will set up a committee to review contracts signed with the electricity generation and distribution companies, taking any necessary steps in line with the law including but not limited to contract termination towards those companies which act in breach of their contract, and which failed to fulfill their commitments on issues such as investment, service quality, and the like.
VI. SECTORAL POLICIES

- We will review the investments made by electricity distribution companies by reflecting their costs on electricity bills, we will cancel the approvals given for investment projects with problematic priority and eligibility, thus alleviating the burden on electricity bills.

- We will ensure competition and transparency in the procurement of goods and services by distribution companies and regulate the procurement of goods and services from companies affiliated to company owners.

- We will strengthen the legal and institutional capacity for the supervision of electricity distribution companies.

- We will reduce the loss-leakage rate by increasing distribution and transmission investments and ensuring that distribution companies comply with their commitments.

- We will redesign the Renewable Energy Support Scheme (YEKDEM) in accordance with the changing market conditions and prices.

- We will organise the incentives to be provided for renewable energy by taking into account the green energy transformation.

- We will review the current situation and contract details of hydroelectric power plants that fail to generate, otherwise harm the ecosystem, and negatively affect agriculture.

- We will assess all wind power alternatives including horizontal, vertical, onshore, and offshore, support R&D and investment activities.

- We will encourage investments in buildings that generate their own energy.

- We will prepare an ‘Electrification Strategy’ to reduce carbon emissions in transport and develop the electric vehicle ecosystem in our automotive sector.

- We will make the electric vehicle charging stations network readily available across Turkey by 2025.

- We will remove administrative barriers to the widespread use of rail, road and maritime transport using low-carbon fuels.

- We will bring our domestic coal and lignite into the economy by supporting gasification technologies.

- We will carefully monitor the operation of flue gas treatment plants in existing coal-fired power plants.

- We will prepare an incentive package for the use of geothermal energy in district heating and greenhouse projects in regions with high geothermal potential.
• In order to ensure energy efficiency, we will encourage the domestic production and use of all kinds of tools, equipment, machinery-equipment, white goods, and similar products with low energy consumption.

• We will support energy efficiency investments with innovative financing mechanisms based on ESCO models.

• We will increase the capacity of natural gas storage facilities to the legally required level of 20%.

• We will take steps to increase and diversify the storage capacity of petroleum products.

• In order to secure the natural gas supply and transform Turkey into an Energy Trade Hub, we will provide third parties with access to underground natural gas storage, LNG terminal and FSRU facilities.

• We will conclude agreements with new source countries to reduce the risk of dependence on certain countries/companies in natural gas imports and to reduce the cost of natural gas imports.

• We will prepare low-interest ‘Rooftop / Façade SPP Loan Packages’ in order to ensure energy supply security in industry and to reduce electricity costs in residential and commercial buildings.

• We will renegotiate existing gas contracts with high prices.

• In order to increase flexibility in energy supply security and reduce loss rates in the transmission system, we will make the necessary infrastructure investments and implement incentives that will pave the way for ‘distributed energy’ investments.

• We will develop the R&D and innovation ecosystem for new generation energy technologies through “energy technology hubs”.

• We will establish ‘Specialised Energy R&D Hubs’ with the cooperation of public - private sector - university - industry for the localisation of energy software and equipment with high import dependency.

• We will prepare a Green Hydrogen Energy Roadmap for Turkey.

• We will support the development of electricity storage and battery technologies and the utilisation of advanced forms of energy such as plasma and hydrogen.

• By establishing energy generation centres from industrial wastes and biogas, we will ensure that especially urban and rural areas are used effectively in electricity generation, and we will support the private sector, municipalities and relevant institutions that will operate for this purpose.
VI. SECTORAL POLICIES

• In order to train human resources that will pave the way for the development of domestic technologies in nuclear energy, we will develop a ‘Turkish Nuclear Ecosystem’ by establishing a Nuclear Research and Training Centre based on new generation nuclear technologies.

• We will transform the Nuclear Energy Regulatory Authority into a more scientific and active institution.

• We will revise the current state and contract details of the Akkuyu Nuclear Power Plant Project as well as rights granted or obligations undertaken outside of the contract.

• We will build a new generation of ‘Small Modular Reactors’ that are safer and faster to build.

• We will transform Turkey into the biggest Energy Trade Hub of the Eastern Europe-Caucasus-Middle East-Northern Africa region.

• We will implement the necessary projects for Turkey to become a “Hub” in natural gas and ensure that the energy legislation is consistent with the EU, stable and reliable.

• We will complete the international agreements related to exclusive economic zones while protecting our rights in the Eastern Mediterranean and ramp up exploration activities.

• We will make effective use of the opportunity for our country to be the only alternative for the transport of Eastern Mediterranean natural gas to Europe.

• We will meticulously engage in all kinds of efforts to ensure that the Black Sea Exclusive Economic Zone, which has become increasingly important in the transfer of Russian natural gas to western countries after the Russian-Ukrainian war, yields results in favour of our country.

• We will create a trade centre for oil and petroleum products in the Mediterranean region, develop port infrastructure for oil trade in this region, and increase the number and capacity of pipelines carrying oil from neighbouring countries to the region.

• We will establish an organised petroleum industrial zone consisting of new oil refineries and petrochemical plants to produce for international markets.

• We will ensure that Turkey becomes a new and effective “International Market” in the sale of electricity from the Middle East and North Africa Region.

• We will transform EPİAŞ into an “independent market operator” and make it a “Regional Energy Stock Market” whose prices are taken as reference in our neighbouring region.

• We will put an end to the still ongoing capacity mechanism method in electricity, which is contrary to the market structure, and ensure that the merit order, which is the basis of price formations, works in a healthy way.
• We will support companies that will carry out oil, natural gas, metal and precious metals and coal exploration activities abroad through risk sharing, financing, and partnerships.

• We will ensure that TPAO and TPIC establish strategic partnerships with international/regional energy companies in domestic and international projects.

• We will separate the transmission & distribution and commercial activities of BOTAS.

Mining

• We will accelerate the exploration of Turkey’s mineral resources and increase the share of the sector in national income.

• We will convene the “Mining Summit”, which will include all stakeholders, chambers, universities, trade unions and workers, and prepare the National Mining Strategy Document and Action Plan.

• We will issue a new mining law to replace the Law No. 3213 on Mining, which has been amended numerous times to date and whose integrity has been undermined to a large extent.

• We will repeal the Presidential Circular No. 2018/8 on the immoveable assets of the public institutions and organisations which constitute a roadblock to the sector.

• We will make the execution, monitoring and coordination processes in MAPEG traceable by relevant stakeholders, and make MAPEG responsible for the coordination of the work in other ministries with which the authorisation processes come into contact.

• We will take necessary measures against the elements of the concessionary mining method that lead to production pressures and mining accidents, and we will not allow uncontrolled and destructive mining activities.

• We will grant operating licences duly and transparently after all exploration and feasibility studies are completed.

• We will support mineral exploration activities, establish a core information database, and ensure that exploration activities are brought to international standards.

• We will issue the necessary legislation to bring the mines that are kept idle with profit-making expectations even though they have operating licences into our economy.

• We will urgently prevent the operation of unlicensed mines throughout the country.
VI. SECTORAL POLICIES

• We will encourage investments and industrial facilities that will transform the minerals produced into semi-finished or finished products, and we will save Turkey from being a country that exports raw materials and imports semi-finished and finished products.

• We will introduce a quota on the exportation of raw ore.

• We will switch to basin mining practice, especially in coal production.

• We will support efforts to transform the boron mine, in which we have the largest reserves, into high value-added products.

• We will provide the necessary incentives for our country to become a country that has a say in the world in soda ash.

• We will support investments in the extraction and smelting of products such as iron, gold, copper, nickel, which are the main raw materials of industry.

• We will accelerate domestic research on the exploration, production, and utilisation of new and critical industrial raw materials of the immediate future, especially lithium and rare earth elements, and support foreign investments.

• We will realise investments in critical sectors such as natural gas, oil and shale gas resources with business models that include the support and participation of the public sector.

• With sustainable mining policies, we will provide the raw materials needed by the industry with domestic resources.

• We will identify the ‘Responsible Mining Principles’, highlighting Occupational Health and Safety and environmental awareness.

• We will prepare and rigorously implement emergency plans and risk maps at both national and enterprise level.

• All mines will be improved in terms of occupational safety, taking into account ILO standards, and we will re-inspect them as per these standards.

• We will eliminate the shortage of specialised staff in mining enterprises.

• We will ensure the job security and independence of engineers, permanent supervisors and/or occupational health and safety experts who are representatives of authorised legal entities by distributing them from a fund whose costs will be covered by employers.

• We will put an end to the subcontracting system in the main fields of activity with high risk of accidents.
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• We will ensure the safety of the working environment with methane drainage from the surface and during production.

• We will expand the insurance coverage of the mining sector and employees, and increase the minimum coverage amounts of personal accident insurances.

• We will carry out mining activities in coordination with energy, agriculture, and environmental policies.

• We will ensure that non-rehabilitated and abandoned mining sites are converted into forest land or made suitable for farming again.

• We will not grant new licences to the licence holders of non-rehabilitated mining sites.

• We will make social responsibility and social awareness activities compulsory in mining enterprises.

Transport

• We will transform the transport sector into a structure that will make our country an attractive production and logistics base in international trade, have safe and technological innovations, and accelerate development.

• We will identify the missing connections or bottlenecks in integrating one mode of transport with another and set them up along with their infrastructure.

• We will introduce alternative transport modes and systems, especially modern rail systems, metro, railway, maritime and inland waterways, in urban and intercity passenger and freight transport.

• We will support the creation of more regional and global brand players in passenger and cargo transport in the transport and distribution sector.

• We will increase the competitiveness of Turkish-registered companies in international road transport services and our trade volume by providing the necessary coordination to overcome the road toll quota and other obstacles and problems to similar effects experienced with especially European countries and those with which we have intensive export transportation.

• We will implement business and financing models that will ensure the fastest realisation of the electric vehicle infrastructure in transport.

• We will ensure the establishment of electric charging stations every 150 km in intercity transport.
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- We will establish institutional structures to independently carry out accident-incident investigations in railways and airlines.
- We will cancel the Canal Istanbul project on the day we take office, and we will examine the works and transactions undertaken so far in legal, economic, ecological, and technical terms.
- We will increase digitalisation in all areas of the transport and logistics sector.
- We will create a reliable database on transport.
- We will subject all Public-Private Partnership projects in the transport sector to technical, administrative, legal, and legislative supervision.
- We will identify errors, irregularities and corruption in the feasibility, tender, post-tender modifications, guarantees, reporting and audit phases of these projects and impose the necessary sanctions.
- We will make the necessary arrangements in the institutional structure of the Directorate General for Highways in order to ensure that all of our existing highway network is maintained and protected and operated in accordance with international technical standards.
- We will make maximum use of EU pre-accession financial facilities, especially in the development of transport services and modernisation of infrastructure.
- We will create an effective road transport and communication system by making use of technological opportunities and establish a fair and applicable certification system.
- We will connect all provincial centres with divided roads.
  - We will launch the smart roads project as a pilot project and ensure the accumulation of knowledge and experience regarding the autonomous roads of the future.
  - We will ensure that junctions and roads are planned according to population growth projections.
  - We will put an end to the practice of outsourcing snow control and maintenance works to subcontractors.
  - We will increase the number of vehicle inspection stations and open them up to competition.
  - We will establish vocational training institutions that will train drivers specialised on freight and passenger transport, and we will ensure the export of driving services to Europe by teaching international transport English at these schools.
• We will provide TCDD and TCDD Taşımacılık A.Ş. with profit & cost orientated company management practices required by modern management systems.

• We will establish a predictable, competitive, and transparent market order and provide the necessary support and incentives for the private sector to enter the railway transport sector as direct train and series owners.

• We will establish a “Railway Regulatory and Supervisory Authority” to regulate and supervise railway safety procedures, staff training, safety rules of railway vehicles and similar issues.

• We will rapidly complete the legislation for the interoperability with other countries in the railway sector.

• We will make our country a manufacturing, maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) hub for railway vehicles.

• In order to make service quality, speed, and costs attractive in railway transport, we will encourage the development of storage and transhipment centres and services such as handling and connect the railway network to industrial zones and ports.

• We will accelerate the infrastructure investments in the railways at affordable costs.

• We will expand the existing high-speed train infrastructure, where passenger transport is carried out, with additional lines at standards for mixed freight and passenger transport.

• We will rapidly complete the projects such as Karaman-Ulukışla, Mersin-Konya, Mersin-Adana-Osmaniye-Gaziantep, İzmir-Manisa-Uşak-Afyonkarahisar-Ankara and Ankara-Bursa-Bandırma among the high-speed train projects, we will immediately launch the Antalya-Konya-Aksaray-Kayseri project, we will increase the number of safe High-Speed Train and High-Speed Train lines.

• We will first complete the Halkalı-Kapıkule high speed railway line.

• We will rapidly complete the Northern Marmara Railway project, including the passage through Yavuz Sultan Selim Bridge.

• We will double the Istanbul-Mersin-Gaziantep line and provide wagons suitable for RO-LA transport on this line.

• With the North-South High Speed Railway Project, we will accelerate the access of the provinces in Central and Eastern Anatolia to the ports.

• We will complete the electrification and signalling of our entire existing conventional railway network.
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• We will establish a modern central traffic control management, train monitoring and crisis management system in Ankara by merging the separate traffic control centres.

• We will provide access to logistics centres, manufacturing centres and ports by building double lines where necessary so that the railway network will reach our provinces that still lack a connection.

• We will reduce import dependency in all modes of transport, especially in the railway sector and high-speed trains, and ensure the development of domestic industry in procurement, construction, maintenance, and spare parts processes.

• We will open TCDD Vocational High School and TCDD Apprentice School to ensure the employment of qualified staff and technological progress.

• We will establish a single authorised and independent Civil Aviation Regulatory and Supervisory Board in the field of civil aviation.

• We will make Ataturk Airport fit for flight again.

• We will increase the role and efficiency of the private sector in air transport.

• We will ensure that the existing aircraft know-how and manufacturing capacity in the Defence Industry will also serve as a resource for the manufacturing of civil aircraft and other civil aerial vehicles, and we will promote the private sector in the main and sub-industry.

• We will determine a new strategy to ensure that Turkey becomes both a cargo base and an aircraft maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) centre.

• We will implement policies and subsidies to increase the localisation rate in the manufacturing, maintenance, and repair of all kinds of air transport vehicles.

• We will improve air transport infrastructure and integrate our airports with other transport systems.

• For the development of domestic routes, we will add depth to the existing airline connection network with cross flights.

• We will increase charter flights between tourism destinations.

• We will support the development of low-cost air transport.

• We will ensure that Esenboğa Airport becomes an international focal point and an alternative international gateway for Anatolian cities by connecting Ankara to international destinations with passenger depth to Turkey.
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• We will develop an air freight transport strategy focusing on e-commerce, reach standard speed in air cargo and thus increase the competitiveness of our manufacturing industry and e-exports.

• We will prepare a Maritime Policy and Competitive Maritime Investment Strategy together with all stakeholders, and in this document, which will regulate maritime jurisdictions, we will ensure unity of implementation by setting out the basic principles in maritime safety, maritime trade, protection of the marine environment, maritime tourism, submarine mining, fisheries, and similar areas.

• We will prepare a Coastal Policy Document and Coastal Master Plan that will set out the basic approaches and principles in the establishment, operation and maintenance of ports and all coastal facilities with a holistic approach.

• We will extend the mandate of Port Authorities to ensure that customs, police, tourism, pilotage, towage, ship traffic, healthcare and similar services provided by various institutions in our ports are carried out competitively, efficiently, sustainably, safely, securely and in an eco-friendly manner.

• For the development of maritime transport, we will focus on areas such as increasing the capacity of existing ports, building new ones, improving port management, and supporting container transport.

• We will manage the process of protecting our rights and interests in our neighbouring seas and near sea basin with the perspective of gaining a significant share of the maritime transport.

• We will re-evaluate port businesses on the axis of public interest, not for profit-making.

• We will identify new port locations suitable for emerging trade routes and develop incentives and support mechanisms for existing ports to adapt to trends affecting them, such as digitalisation, sustainability and increasing ship capacity.

• We will create sea motorways for domestic freight transport between the Mediterranean, Aegean, Marmara, and Black Sea ports.

• We will ensure that the ports to be determined in the Mediterranean and Black Sea become the main distribution hub and reach the capacity to make shipments to the countries in the region through short distance transport.

• We will rejuvenate our Turkish-owned fleet by encouraging the construction of fuel-efficient and eco-friendly vessels.

• We will take steps to increase the competitiveness of the Turkish-owned fleet and ensure that we carry our own cargo.
VI. SECTORAL POLICIES

- We will improve ports, marinas, fishing harbours and similar coastal structures in terms of quality and operational management.

- We will develop international Ro-Pax transport to increase accessibility for tourists and reduce congestion at our land border crossing points.

- We will increase coast-trade freight transport, provide support for the freight fees of ships that will carry coast-trade freight, and reduce the handling fees of special terminals to be reserved in ports.

- We will reorganise the warehousing infrastructures and the related legal framework, enable some of our ports to specialise in transit cargo, and modernise the transit cargo capacity and warehousing regime.

- We will pay special attention to Ro-Ro transport, develop alternative Ro-Ro transport lines for westbound export transports, establish the Karasu-Burgaz Ro-Ro line, and increase the capacity of the Izmir-Thessaloniki Ro-Ro line.

**Logistics and Customs**

- We will re-prepare the Logistics Master Plan of Turkey with an approach that takes into account road, rail, sea, and air transport in an integrated manner and envisages the maximum benefit from intermodal logistics centres.

- We will ensure compliance with the Logistics Master Plan of Turkey in upper-scale local plans.

- By using big data and smart transport technologies in our logistics networks, we will rapidly prepare Turkey for the Logistics 4.0 Transformation and turn our country into a Global and Regional Logistics Hub.

- We will establish Logistics Trade Centres in order to carry out domestic and foreign trade activities and logistics activities easily, quickly, and safely from a single centre and to improve trade connectivity between provinces.

- We will transform the logistics centres in our country into new generation logistics trade centres by ensuring the participation of the private sector in the ownership/management structure.

- We will reorganise the logistics village plans prepared for the provinces.

- We will expand logistics centres, make necessary improvements in public warehousing services, and reduce costs in warehousing services.
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• We will fully connect Logistics Centres and manufacturing locations with ports and customs gates.

• We will establish new border crossing points, make the idle ones operational, and strengthen the physical and technological infrastructure of border crossing points.

• We will harmonise the customs legislation with the developing conditions, reduce red tape, speed up the procedures and customs control stages and reverse the decline in the Logistics Performance Index.

• We will establish an end-to-end digital and largely automated blockchain-based Digital Customs to accelerate customs and transport processes.

• We will reduce the number of mandatory documents and convert them into electronic form.

• We will accelerate the customs procedures of our companies by paving the way for the employment of customs brokers in our logistics companies.

• We will improve the technical infrastructure at customs gates, increase the number of staff and raise the level of training.

• We will work towards implementing the “Common Gate Model” at all border gates.

• We will expand storage areas at customs and encourage new warehouses, hangars, and warehouse investments.

• We will build specially equipped warehouses for flammable or explosive goods.

• We will provide railway connectivity to ports and build container transfer terminals on land.

• We will establish road and railway connection lines from Organised Industrial Zones to logistics hubs and ports.

• We will establish logistics hubs in target foreign markets.

• We will create a secure port and container tracking system.

• We will improve the container infrastructure of Mersin port and Çandarlı Port.

• We will open departments in vocational high schools to train customs personnel with foreign language proficiency.
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Foreign Trade Policy

• We will abolish the requirement for exporters to sell 40 percent of their foreign exchange earnings to the CBRT.

• We will strengthen Eximbank’s capital and enable it to benefit more from long-term and favourable funding opportunities.

• We will effectively utilise Eximbank resources for innovative entrepreneurs on a global scale.

• With medium and long-term credits, we will support exports of capital goods with higher added value and high-tech construction contracting projects in target markets.

• We will develop strategic partnerships with regional and international financial institutions and ensure that Eximbank plays a leading role in major infrastructure projects that will transform countries and regions.

• We will revise the structure of the Turkish Exporters’ Assembly and Exporters’ Associations, prevent them from becoming unearned profit distribution mechanisms through political pressure, and ensure that resources are directed to the exporting institutions that actually need them instead of political connections.

• We will restructure the Investment Support Agency and ensure that the agency provides consultancy services through digital tools on issues such as identifying potential investors, creating a supply chain in the investment process, mergers, and acquisitions, finding investment partners, location selection, labour market profiling, and relations with public institutions.

• We will reactivate the Export Development Centre (IGEME) in public-private partnership.

• We will re-establish DEIK as an independent organisation.

• We will accelerate the negotiations to update the Customs Union Agreement with the European Union.

• We will review the Free Trade Agreements organised in parallel with the Customs Union Agreement and make a comprehensive assessment of the effects of other Free Trade Agreements on foreign trade.

• We will make Free Trade Agreements with developed countries that do not have similar production and export patterns with our country.

• We will complete the agreements in the fields of “Trade”, “Mutual Promotion and Protection of Investments”, “Prevention of Double Taxation”, “Cooperation in the Customs Area” and “Transport” which have not been concluded with our trading partner countries.
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- We will form new regional associations.

- In order to improve our regional economic relations, we will expand the scope of investment and trade agreements with our neighbouring countries, Caucasian, Balkan, and Middle Eastern countries.

- We will review inward processing practices and prevent unfair competition against domestic production.

- We will support Turkish companies to operate on a global scale and increase their number.

- We will review export subsidies, conduct impact analyses, and develop new generation export subsidies.

- We will strengthen branding subsidies and encourage companies to acquire companies with brand recognition abroad.

- We will establish platforms that will provide detailed and regular information to our companies on the development of foreign market conditions and demand structure.

- We will support international companies to establish supply offices in our country.

- We will take steps to pave the way for e-export, including supporting the investments of cargo companies and digital marketplaces operating in our country.

- We will reorganise PTT, including international cargo capabilities and global collaborations.

- We will identify the bureaucratic procedures (visa, customs formalities, etc.) that hinder commercial relations on a country basis and solve the problems through official contacts to be made at all levels.

- We will support the exports of tourism, overseas contracting services, logistics, health tourism, which has become prominent in recent years, and the film and TV series sector.

- We will direct the private and public sectors to invest in countries where raw material resources are predominant.

- We will prepare and implement a Green Deal Rapid Compliance Programme to ensure the sustainability of our economy, increase our competitiveness and eliminate potential trade and investment losses.

- We will establish New Generation Special Economic Zones.

- We will establish legal infrastructure for the issuance of the “Quality Confidence Certificate” labelled “Made in Turkey” regarding product inspection and safety, which will ensure the creation of an effective and sustainable overseas trade relations and cooperation network and increase the market image.
VI. SECTORAL POLICIES

- We will publish factor productivity and net export statistics in sectoral detail.

**Domestic Trade and Competition Policy**

- We will take the necessary steps to ensure that the Competition Authority and the relevant sectoral regulatory authorities jointly resolve competition problems that may arise in markets subject to sectoral regulation, and to this end, we will establish a Coordination Board to improve communication and cooperation between the Competition Authority and sectoral regulatory authorities.

- We will review the procedures for appointments to the Competition Board, enforce the requirement that Board members have at least ten years of experience in areas related to competition law and policy, increase the term of Board membership to six years and guarantee the independence of Board members.

- We will make the administrative fines to be imposed in cases such as providing incomplete, false, or misleading information to the Competition Authority, refusing to provide information, preventing the on-site inspection that the Authority’s staff are tasked to carry out and the like deterrent.

- For violations of the Competition Law in the nature of cartel organisation, we will make the administrative fines to be imposed on the managers of undertakings found to be the founder or leader of a cartel deterrent.

- We will take the needed actions within the framework of the Public Procurement Law and the Law on the Protection of Competition against tender cartels, which exclude many undertakings from the market by eliminating competition in the contracting sector and at the same time cause great public losses.

- We will ensure that digital platform service providers carry out their activities within a framework that will not hinder competition and that their mergers and acquisitions are subject to stricter rules.

- We will ensure that the relevant departments of the Council of State will again be authorised as the appellate authority for the decisions of the Competition Board, instead of the Administrative Courts.

- We will increase the administrative and financial capacities of the Consumer Arbitration Committees, which serve as a pre-court settlement mechanism in consumer disputes, determine criteria such as training and experience for the selection of their members, increase the transparency and accessibility of decisions, inform consumers about the Arbitration Committees and application conditions, encouraging them to seek their rights.
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• Regarding multilateral digital platforms and big data issues, we will follow the implementation of new legislation such as the EU Digital Services Act and the EU Digital Markets Act, where new concepts such as “gatekeeper”, which brings together competition policy, regulatory policies, and data protection legislation, are introduced, and we will ensure that the necessary discussions and consultations are carried out when adapting such legislation to Turkey.

• We will make legal arrangements within the framework of the principles and rules stipulated in the “Regulation on the Promotion of Transparency and Impartiality for Commercial Users of Online Brokerage Services” and the “Digital Services Law” in force in the EU.

• We will amend the “Law on Payment and Securities Settlement Systems, Payment Services and Electronic Money Institutions” and other relevant legislation to ensure that financial tech firms compete on equal terms with financial institutions.

• We will strengthen effective competition in sectors such as social media and other internet services.

• We will end the monopolistic and oligopolistic structures in the food value chain by making the necessary amendments to the Law on Market Hall and the Law on the Regulation of Retail Trade.

• We will strengthen and support farmer co-operatives.

• We will ensure central coordination of the inspection staff in the central and provincial organisations of the institutions conducting inspections on the basis of product groups, and we will put the activities carried out by different administrations under a single umbrella.

Small to Medium-Sized Enterprises

• We will increase the contribution of SMEs to economic growth by increasing their competitiveness.

• We will create special support models for SMEs in terms of training, management, financing, technology development or technology transfer, product, and market diversification, increasing export potential, establishing new partnerships, and getting a larger share from capital markets.

• We will strengthen SMEs in terms of keeping up with the high competition arising from globalisation, having competent workforce and sufficient capital, producing innovative projects, culture of doing business together and project development.
VI. SECTORAL POLICIES

- We will take steps to train and educate competent management staff in order to plan, prepare and facilitate the transition across generations, which leads to the spin-off or liquidation of SMEs.

- By supporting the management consultancy sector, we will ensure that SMEs receive consultancy services from this sector with government support.

- We will implement consultancy and support programmes that will ensure the renewal of business models and organisational structures of traditional firms and the efficiency and digital transformation of SMEs.

- In the axes of green transformation, digitalisation, and regional development, we will create a production-oriented, safe, fair, and fast-functioning support system to improve SMEs’ R&D and innovation, production, marketing, and export capabilities, increase their competitiveness and facilitate their access to finance.

- We will effectively increase overseas market research, mentoring and financing supports to increase the national and international e-commerce capacities of our SMEs.

- We will support the practices of e-commerce marketplaces where tradesmen and SMEs sell to increase the competitiveness of their sellers.

- We will ensure that the problems experienced in personnel and product development are solved in model factories and prototype workshops in OIZs.

- We will support project-based cooperation models between SMEs or cooperation models aimed at developing the culture of doing business together, and we will make the cooperation and collaboration supports provided to our SMEs more effective.

- We will support consultancy services for businesses to obtain intellectual and industrial property rights for patents, utility models, trademarks, and designs.

- We will increase the volume of loans to SMEs and ensure that they can benefit more from innovative financing opportunities such as venture capital, crowdfunding, and impact investing.

- We will increase the Treasury support provided to venture capital funds that will invest in SMEs, measure the effects of similar programmes implemented so far and put an end to inefficient practices.

- We will make arrangements for SMEs’ tax refunds and similar public receivables to be used as collateral in their access to finance.

- We will establish support programmes for joint R&D and innovation projects that will increase the interaction between large-scale enterprises and SMEs, strengthen the value chain and increase productivity.
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• We will restructure KOSGEB and build a system where our entrepreneurs can easily apply.

• We will improve KOSGEB’s databases, human resources and budget facilities to the size and quality required by our SMEs.

• We will establish a unit for the service sector within KOSGEB and increase the resources allocated to the service sector.

• We will increase grant support offered by KOSGEB.

• We will provide interest-free credit support provided by KOSGEB in a transparent manner by linking it to objective criteria.

• In KOSGEB’s prototype production and commercialisation supports, we will prioritise strategic projects completed with R&D support.

Tradespeople and Artisans

• We will restructure the Ministry of Trade as the Ministry of Trade and Tradespeople.

• We will ensure that the organizational and financial structures of our chambers of commerce and/or industry, commodity exchanges and tradespeople and artisans’ professional organizations, which are public institutions, are improved and that these organizations can provide more efficient and effective services to their members.

• We will ensure that the services provided by many public institutions and organizations are provided effectively and quickly electronically from a single point to open, run, and close retail enterprises.

• We will cancel the interests of the loans and the interests of BAĞ-KUR and tax debts tradespeople used during the pandemic and ensure that the remaining principal is paid within the appropriate term.

• We will recognize the right to borrow retrospectively, which was last applied between 2000 and 2008, for our tradespeople to be able to retire considering the commercial registry and the length of membership in the chambers of tradespeople.

• We will ensure that the tradespeople who are part of the Tradespeople Guild Fund benefit from practices such as reducing the contribution share rate and compensating for the loss of income through a short-time work allowance.

• We will reduce the contribution rate tradespeople should pay to the Tradespeople Guild Fund.
VI. SECTORAL POLICIES

- We will ensure that tradespeople and artisans receive temporary incapacity allowance to cover the period of illness and outpatient treatment.

- We will cancel out the withholding tax rate on workplace rent payments.

- We will not charge excise duty on the renewal of vehicles over ten years of age of people working as drivers by profession.

- We will quickly introduce the required arrangements to protect our small-sized enterprises against chain markets, large markets, and shopping malls and prevent unfair competition.

- We will take measures to make it easier for tradespeople to sell in e-commerce marketplaces and reduce their costs.

- We will reorganize sectors as part of the development activities targeting tradespeople, artisans, and small-scale industrialists.

- Considering the difference in definition between tradespeople and merchants and between artisans and industrialists, we will eliminate the problems experienced in the professional organization of both sectors.

- We will develop a training and production plan to help develop local handicrafts and increase marketing opportunities.

- We will establish units within the chambers and associations of tradespeople and artisans to offer training, consultancy and information support to tradespeople and artisans about exports, entrepreneurship, R&D and innovation, and state subsidy.

- We will strengthen the function of tradespeople and artisans as complementary to large industrial enterprises and support their contributions to the training of qualified professional personnel.

- We will renew the existing Tradespeople and Artisans Support System with the understanding that it will increase access to affordable and sufficient financing, use this financing to increase the quality of the business, enlarge it and change and transform it as current conditions require. We will also develop new support mechanisms.

- We will work towards developing the culture of tradespeople and artisans doing business together.

- We will address the artisans’ problem of raising apprentices and apprenticeship training in line with the general education system.

- We will support businesses focusing on e-commerce and e-export with company opening, marketing, advertising, consultancy, and financing issues.
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We will develop an effective surveillance and scrutiny mechanism to prevent possible grievances of small businesses due to competition violations that may occur in e-commerce.

We will support establishing industrial sites for small tradespeople and artisans engaged in production.

Next Generation Service Sectors

We will provide special support to business models and venture capital companies that offer online and offline services in tourism, transportation, distribution, communication, media, gaming, e-sports, and real estate sectors and can have access to a wide market at home and abroad within a short period.

We will contribute to the discussions on regulating digital assets in the G-20 and other international organizations, of which we are a member, introduce relevant regulations in Turkey and support the commercialization of the digital assets produced.

We will make digital assets one of the main elements of the Istanbul Finance Centre. When necessary, we will allow for establishing companies subject to different regulations in the Istanbul Finance Centre.

We will support start-ups and companies that want to develop console, computer, tablet, and digital games in Turkey. We will open new sections from game design to game development and provide the necessary support to create Turkey-based technology companies and know-how and be competitive.

We will develop a mentorship and guidance ecosystem for Turkey-based companies that have previously been successful in the gaming sector to share their challenges and experiences with new companies.

We will encourage global digital asset service platforms to bring part of their value chain, especially product development and R&D activities, to Turkey.

We will take measures to preserve competition against the monopolization of large technology companies in the financial market segment with consumer data collected from other markets such as e-commerce, social media, and search services.

We will preserve freedom granted in internet media and social media journalism and support internet media and social media journalism. We will also develop measures against insults and slanders in social media.

We will ensure that internet media and social media revenues are included in the tax system through service providers, advertisers or sponsors in a way that does not affect the content producer.
VI. SECTORAL POLICIES

- We will organize advertising and similar activities related to digital assets, make these activities transparent, and prevent citizens from being deceived through social media.

- We will ensure that companies develop games promoting Turkish mythology, historical events, and culture in particular.

- We will support e-sports associations and teams just like in other sports fields.

- We will encourage e-sports teams’ and associations’ achievements in international tournaments through a reward system, provided they are composed of Turkish citizen e-athletes.

**Tourism**

- We will prepare a Tourism Strategy and Master Plan in line with the outputs of the local tourism assemblies and councils that we will initiate in collaboration with all stakeholders based on a new perspective that attaches importance to being green and sustainable and balances conservation and use.

- We will enact a framework tourism law in consultation with the sector for effective coordination in the areas of investment, management, accommodation, employees, agency, guidance, food, and beverage and the like, review the existing legislation on these topics, and introduce the necessary regulations on the missing issues.

- We will restructure the Tourism Promotion and Development Agency of Turkey to cover all stakeholders, promote more effectively, produce concrete projects for the sector’s development, find quick solutions to problems with common sense, and consist of capable personnel, make the Agency’s use of resources transparent and accountable and ensure that the Court of Accounts audits all these.

- We will take into account professional organizations’ opinions on the sector’s regulations.

- We will increase the contribution of local governments to tourism policies, ensure that they include tourism policies in detail in their Strategic Plans and allocate the required budget appropriations.

- We will never allow any hotels and settlements after forest fires and prevent these places from becoming sources of unearned income.

- We will prevent unearned incomes from zoning and abuse of zoning in tourism areas.

- We will re-examine tourism allocations and take the necessary steps for those who are not eligible to put an end to practices that cause damage to our natural and cultural structure.
We will strictly control practices that prevent everyone from enjoying the coasts equally and freely.

We will prevent consumer grievances by making timeshare facilities subject to the Ministry of Tourism’s supervision.

We will introduce regulations for apartment rentals, ensure that records about the whole tourism potential are kept and set service standards for apartments.

We will prevent excessive use of concrete, damage to the cultural and historical fabric due to the construction of places for tourism and restriction of the natural habitats of animals.

We will introduce regulations prioritizing the conservation of nature and not disrupting its fabric, such as tourism spaces designed according to zero waste projects.

We will work with stakeholders so that Turkey has strong international tour operators.

We will create a healthy and reliable statistical database in the sector.

We will support health, festival, sports, nature, camping, caravan, history, culture, faith, museum, thermal, youth, third age, yacht, cruise, agriculture, gastronomy, shopping, congress, and fair tourism to reduce seasonal dependence on tourism, spread tourism to 12 months, increase the number of incoming qualified tourists and ensure diversification in the sector.

We will shift to “Destination Management” and focus on activities to reinforce the destination’s image.

We will create branded destinations that promote specific locations in cooperation with local governments and non-governmental organizations.

We will focus on advertising and promotion activities, especially in countries with high-income tourists.

We will support digital transformation in tourism through applications such as “Smart Tourism”, “Smart Destination”, “Smart City”, and “Smart Hotels”.

We will prepare a Health Tourism Strategy Document, plan the number, quality, and areas of expertise of the health personnel who will offer services in health tourism, ensure that the health personnel acquire the required competencies, including command of several foreign languages, and put in place the required mechanisms for the accreditation of hospitals and healthcare facilities that will offer services in health tourism.

We will increase the bed capacities in winter sports centres, improve the infrastructure and activate our semi-active and non-active winter sports tourism centres.
• We will consider online employees (Digital Nomads) living in places other than their domicile as an opportunity for tourism and encourage the establishment of holiday villages specially designed for these people.

• We will support the construction of boutique, theme-based, low-capacity, sustainable and eco-friendly hotels that cater to individual travellers.

• We will make all touristic facilities and places, especially hotels, accessible for disabled people to benefit from tourism services without problems.

• We will create flavour and tasting routes in Turkey and establish streets of gastronomy in touristic regions.

• We will develop our own scoring system and starring standards in gastronomy, working with competent overseas organizations.

• We will determine and promote themed routes throughout Turkey for culture, cycling, health, nature/ ecology, etc.

• We will launch the “Cultural Road from Coasts to Anatolia Project” and accelerate and facilitate transportation from the coastal provinces to the centres of faith, culture, and gastronomy in Anatolia through this project.

• We will build cruise ports in the Black Sea, Aegean and the Mediterranean and increase Turkey’s share in this market.

• We will attach importance to developing marine tourism and solving the existing infrastructure, port, shelter, and qualified personnel problems of marine tourism operators.

• We will solve the traffic problem of the Historic Peninsula of our tourism brand Istanbul in cooperation with the relevant ministries and metropolitan municipalities.

• We will invest in flights that make inter-regional day trips possible.

• We will focus on various fields of museology in particular, such as acclimatized environment, ensuring the safety of the works and similar to preserve the permanency of our historic artifacts.

• We will digitize the measured drawings and projects of historical buildings in 81 provinces.

• We will ensure that the families of retired and disabled people and martyrs, and students studying at the university can stay for free in the Yurt-Kur buildings in the provinces they visit during their touristic trips within the scope of social tourism.

• We will offer tourism incentives on a regional basis to develop destinations that have stayed behind in tourism.
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• We will leave a large part of the accommodation tax levied on hotels to local governments to promote the city and develop tourism.

• We will implement risk management for extraordinary situations such as natural disasters, outbreaks and wars affecting tourism. We will also create the fund and insurance-like mechanisms to compensate for losses.

• We will support local governments and schools affiliated with the Ministry of National Education for our citizens of all ages to participate in tourism activities and thus increase participation in many activities that fall within the scope of tourism, such as museum visits and visits to touristic places, especially for low-income citizens.

• We will reconsider the education system in place for tourism and open departments according to the current and long-term needs of the sector.

• We will reorganize the content of vocational tourism and undergraduate education programmes and readjust their capacities according to needs.

• We will identify the criteria and conditions for professional competence in all fields of tourism.

• We will ensure that professional competence diploma or certificate holders who certify that they have received training are given priority in recruitment.

• We will offer tour guiding certification training to more people and ensure that the certification is diversified according to tourism types. We will also fight effectively against illegal tour-guiding activities.

• We will reschedule the semesters of vocational high schools, 2-year vocational schools and faculties, taking into account the high seasons of city and beach hotels.

• We will involve local governments, NGOs, and the private sector in designing and implementing tourism trainings.

• We will improve the negative working conditions of employees in the tourism sector, such as excessive and intensive work.
Culture

- We will review Law No. 5846 on Intellectual and Artistic Works and the related secondary legislation with an understanding to remove the obstacles before freedom of artistic expression.

- We will remove ambiguous expressions in the articles of the relevant laws and regulations that set obstacles to cultural and artistic production in the mother tongue and regulate them in a way that is not open to abuse.

- We will convene national and local cultural assemblies regularly and develop cultural policies in collaboration with all stakeholders.

- We will digitize the culture and art products produced in Turkey, ensure that they are stored in a data bank, and create the Turkish Cultural Inventory database.

- We will choose a “City of Culture of Turkey” every year.

- We will make truly autonomous the General Directorate of Foundations, the Supreme Council of Monuments, and the Regional Councils for Conservation.

- We will increase the number of Site Directorates affiliated with the Ministry of Culture throughout the country, regulate their authorities in line with international norms (UNESCO and ICOMOS), and ensure that their personnel have acquired the required qualifications.

- We will establish “cultural, historical and natural landscape conservation boards” under the Site Directorates.

- We will establish an Institute for the Conservation of Cultural Heritage.

- We will launch the programme of ambassadors for culture and art.

- We will increase the influence of local governments on cultural and art activities and ensure that local governments and non-governmental organizations working in the fields of culture and arts take on more effective and active roles.

- We will increase the budget resources allocated to culture and arts and encourage the private sector to support this area more.

- We will eliminate the problems related to self-employed artists’ social security and pension rights.

- We will solve the staff and other personal rights problems of our State Theatres, Opera and Ballet and other art institutions.
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- We will ensure that the NACE codes of the professions within the cultural industries, whose professional definition and status are still uncertain, are urgently determined.

- We will organize campaigns with professional music associations throughout the country and ensure that music professionals and their works are recorded.

- We will establish ‘sound recording studios’ under the Provincial Directorates of Culture to offer musicians a free platform to record their works.

- We will support establishing cultural centres and expanding them to other places for local and authentic cultural activities to be carried out.

- We will establish Solidarity Centres for Artists where artists will come together, and accommodation, healthcare and care services will be provided.

- We will ensure that the public sector’s support for culture and arts is transparent based on pre-declared objective criteria and assessed by impartial committees. We will meticulously monitor the appropriate use of the support provided.

- We will distribute the special reproduction fee to the right holders through professional associations.

- We will ease the tax burden on artists’ income.

- We will give cultural cards to young people so they can benefit from culture and art activities free of charge until the age of 25.

- We will reset the VAT on the e-book.

- We will reduce the tax burden on the cultural industries.

  - We will develop support mechanisms to strengthen the infrastructure of professional associations.

  - We will implement special support mechanisms to encourage folk artists.

  - We will support the student art societies in universities.

  - We will support artists who produce local and traditional handicrafts and young people who want to learn these arts.

  - We will update Law No. 5225 on Encouraging Cultural Investments and Initiatives according to the day’s needs.

  - We will support the digitalization of cultural industries and facilitate artists’ access to digital infrastructure and equipment.
• We will organize crash courses and offer cluster opportunities for cultural industries to develop and compete.

• We will evaluate the aesthetics and efficiency criteria of investments made in culture and art.

• We will provide opportunities such as employment, contribution to national income and exports by supporting publishing, music, folklore and film sectors, festivals, and musicals.

• We will protect artists’ copyrights and will take every measure to protect artists against infringement and piracy.

• We will add the phrase ‘the author reserves the right to re-edit the copyright agreement within two years as an explicit provision of Copyright Law No. 5846.

• We will harmonize Law No. 5646 on the Approval of Our Accession to the World Intellectual Property Organization Treaty on Enforcement and Phonograms with the legislation and directives of the European Union.

• We will participate in international book fairs where copyright agreements are made based on the preparation made by a special committee to be formed by experts from the ministry and publishers.

• We will make arrangements for the sale of audiobooks, e-books, and new and second-hand books on the internet, and we will take measures against the areas of abuse that cause or may cause authors to lose rights.

• We will build at least one large modern museum in the provinces with high historical and cultural potential.

• We will open a city museum in each province.

• We will launch the Island of Museums Program.

• We will encourage the private sector to build and manage museums.

• We will establish barrier-free exhibition and training centres in our museums.

• We will create the Digital Heritage Museum of Turkey.

• We will develop the traditional understanding of museology in line with international standards and ensure the spread of themed museums.

• We will enrich the scope of the functions of contemporary art museums and spread them throughout the country.
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• We will ensure that the places where our artists, thinkers and literary figures who have left their mark on our cultural life lived are turned into museums and become part of cultural tourism.

• We will increase the number of museums so that our current values preserved at warehouses and the sub-soil values are brought to daylight, exhibited, and serve tourism.

• We will benefit from scientific techniques for air conditioning, heat, and light to ensure that historical and cultural values are preserved and transferred to the future.

• We will ensure that a local guide accompanies the visits to historical and cultural heritage sites and that visitors get correct information about the site.

• We will ensure that cultural properties and museums can be visited virtually.

• We will improve the technical infrastructure and facilities of archaeological sites.

• We will arrange transportation and traffic in areas where historical and cultural values are located, and we will place signage without causing any harm to the site and by taking advantage of developing technology.

• We will increase sanctions against unauthorized excavation and destruction of cultural property.

• We will offer artists and ensembles the opportunity to prepare and exhibit works in cultural centres or spaces that will be used for this purpose.

• We will create spaces in cultural centres to identify and promote human treasures who lived before or are still alive.

• We will launch the ‘Values of Anatolia’ projects to ensure that our values, which UNESCO has inscribed on the world cultural heritage list, included in living human treasures and declared as commemoration years, are recognized on international official and private platforms.

• We will take the necessary steps to protect the languages that are in danger of extinction according to UNESCO’s “Atlas of Endangered Languages” data and ensure that there is cultural and artistic production in these languages.

• We will increase measures to conserve effectively our monumental cultural heritage used actively and intensively.

• We will establish specialized units with personnel within relevant institutions to prevent the trafficking of cultural properties.
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- We will effectively fight for the return of our historical artifacts smuggled abroad.
- We will create buffer zones in the development plans for the conservation of the urban silhouette and texture and strengthen the legal and administrative framework for the Historical Urban Landscape.
- We will pass the library law.
- We will transform libraries from being just areas where books are stored into living spaces.
- We will extend the use of libraries 24/7 through the support of technological infrastructure.
- We will amend the publication selection regulations for public libraries and restructure the Public Libraries’ publication review committee and publication selection board.
- We will increase the level of online access of our libraries to libraries in other countries to increase use by researchers.
- We will establish a library containing fundamental books in every school and ensure that the residents of that area benefit from these libraries in the summer.
- We will establish the National Cinema Institute.
- We will establish cinema departments in vocational high schools to help the cinema sector to develop.
- We will launch the Mobile Stage project.
- We will support private theatres.
  - We will turn Turkey into a meeting point for Asian, European, and Middle Eastern artists and a universal art hub.
  - We will make Turkey a country that is known not for festival bans but for festival incentives.
  - We will establish art villages that bring together world artists, writers and poets and Turkish artists, writers, and poets.
  - We will ensure that the Civil Administrative Authority cannot take any restrictive and prohibitive decisions outside the scope of the regulation for mass-participation activities such as concerts, festivals, events, and fairs.
  - We will ensure that festivals that are fit for the identities and characters of the regions become traditional and that traditional festivals are made sustainable.
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- We will temporarily or indefinitely transfer the organization of festivals disrupted by local administrations, especially due to budget and staff-related problems, to the ministry.

- We will bring together young people from other countries with Turkish youth and support the concerts and festivals organized for internationally renowned artists and music groups.

- We will develop state-sponsored programmes for exhibiting and promoting artists and their works within Turkey and those deemed appropriate outside Turkey.

- We will support authors’ translation and editorial costs to ensure that the copyrighted works of authors or researchers are published in other countries. We will not compromise on the ‘egalitarian approach in translation activities’.

- We will take more concrete steps toward promoting our national values in other countries through cultural and artistic products such as film, copyrights, visual arts, and sports.

- We will ensure that culture gets its deserved part of TRT broadcasts and increase the international impact of broadcasts in other languages.

- We will increase participation in international culture, music, and arts organizations.

- We will offer graduate programmes under the name of Cultural Diplomacy.

- We will increase the budget allocated to exchange and scholarship programmes.

- We will replan formal and non-formal culture and art education from primary school to higher education.

- We will update the content, hours and activities dedicated to culture and art courses.

- We, as the state, will support the art education and talent development of gifted children in Turkey and abroad.

- We will update the Wonder Child Law to bring it into force again.

- We will support schools in purchasing materials for social and cultural activities.

- We will launch the Plato Cities programme.

- We will establish a Barrier-Free Art Portal.

- We will support ibliopoles to preserve and sustain their unique qualities.

- We will put an end to the monopolistic nature of the distribution of printed publications and periodicals and rebuild competition to revive cultural diversity.
VI. SECTORAL POLICIES

• We will take measures to prevent attacks on works of art and violence against artists and introduce legal arrangements for these crimes to prevent benefitting from sentence reduction.

• We will ensure that street artists can perform their art freely and create special performance areas in cooperation with local governments.

• We will keep culinary culture records for every region to prevent their disappearance.

Climate Change, Nature Rights, and the Environment

• We will fight against climate change in line with the just transformation principle to protect the poor, women, youth, and all disadvantaged groups.

• We will restructure the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change as the “Ministry of Climate, Environment and Forestry”.

• We will constitutionally guarantee the “right to an ecosystem” of future generations.

• We will reform the Environmental Law based on the rights of nature.

• We will enact a Climate Law and harmonize the relevant regulations with this law.

• We will appoint a Special Envoy for Climate.

• We will fulfil the target and requirements of the Paris Climate Agreement and set a Net Zero Carbon Emission target for 2050 in line with the principles of the agreement.

• We will prioritize removing Turkey from the list of Annex 1 countries under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

• We will update the “Nationally Determined Contribution” and prepare realistic mitigation strategies.

• We will increase access to the funds that Turkey needs to receive under the Paris Climate Agreement and to EU funds, especially the IPA instrument.

• We will establish a Climate Bank as an independent, specialized financing institution supporting green transformation.

• On the one hand, while negotiating the situation that has arisen against Turkey as a result of the European Union’s Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism within the framework of the Customs Union, on the other hand, we will prevent our exporter companies from paying taxes outside Turkey by implementing carbon pricing systems that operate effectively at home.
• We will accelerate and operationalize the work on establishing an EU-compatible Emission Trading System (ETS) in Turkey as an important element of the targeted carbon pricing systems.

• We will work toward a carbon tax, including converting existing relevant taxes without causing double taxation problems and increasing the tax burden on our companies, taking into account the Emissions Trading System practices.

• We will implement the “Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism” similar to the one that the EU operates.

• We will start developing the Carbon Banking system in Turkey for the carbon market to function.

• We will implement the “Program for the Transition to a Green Economy” to comply with the European Green Deal.

• We will establish a “Green Transformation Fund” that will finance the transformation of sectors with the revenues to be obtained from the carbon pricing systems to be established domestically to support the implementation of this programme.

• We will phase out coal through a certain programme as soon as possible to meet the “net zero” emission targets by 2050.

• We will not build new thermal power plants and will prepare a closure plan in collaboration with relevant stakeholders for the existing power plants that cannot be rehabilitated. This closure plan will be based on social and economic analyses in order not to cause any grievances.

• We will offer trainings on climate change and sustainability to all public and private sector employees and citizens so that they develop an eco-friendly awareness with well-founded practical habits starting from preschool education. We will add relevant compulsory courses to the Ministry of National Education curriculum.

• We will strengthen the existing ‘Environment and Climate Change Policies, Application and Research Centres’ operating in various universities and ensure that these centres are established and supported in certain geographical regions.

• We will inform citizens about current measures, permits and processes related to environmental protection and will study and implement methods to ensure that processes are operated transparently.

• We will establish Specialized Courts on Environment, expand the scope of crimes related to the environment in the Turkish Penal Code and increase their penalties.
VI. SECTORAL POLICIES

- We will accept the lawsuits filed for the protection of the environment, ecology, historical and cultural values, natural ecosystems, and public and environmental health as public lawsuits and exempt them from the fee. We will make the sanctions more severe for public officials and project owners who do not implement the decisions to stop or cancel the execution.

- We will make the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment (SEIA) participatory and effective.

- We will develop solutions for institutions and households for their power generation and support solidarity networks to ensure that surplus energy is shared with the poor and disadvantaged communities with limited access to energy.

- We will implement energy efficiency measures more effectively not only in industry but also in housing.

- We will reduce carbon emissions by solving water, food, energy, and other needs locally without causing harm to ecosystems and natural areas.

- We will introduce restrictive measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

- We will prepare a plan for the transition to electric vehicles and gradually complete the conversion of the vehicles of public institutions and organizations to electric vehicles.

- We will develop public transportation networks and expand metro and light rail systems.

- We will build cycling road networks in all cities and revise the Traffic Law.

- We will adopt circular economy principles.

  - We will encourage separating all wastes at source, expand reward systems and reintegrate waste into the economy by inclusion in the life cycle.
  
  - We will expand the production and use of sustainable and recyclable products.
  
  - We will gradually eliminate single-use plastics from our lives by involving all stakeholders.
  
  - We will abolish the import of plastic waste in line with a timetable.
  
  - We will measure air quality in each province and district, increase the number of air quality measuring stations and display relevant values on the large screens on busy streets.
  
  - We will take effective measures against noise and image pollution in cities.
  
  - We will reduce food waste and reintegrate such waste into the economy.
• We will provide tax incentives and financial support to businesses investing in climate technologies.

• We will establish Green Organized Industrial Zones (OIZ).

• We will encourage creating an industrial symbiosis in which one facility’s waste will be used as another facility’s input to ensure that a sustainable understanding prevails in organized industrial zones.

• We will impose heavy administrative and criminal sanctions on enterprises that do not filter factory chimney gases, pollute the environment with their wastewater, and do not install measuring devices.

• We will prioritize microorganism-based production that helps obtain many products instead of chemical production processes.

• We will develop a database for all cities where technical data such as geology, geophysics and meteorology are analysed for climate and disaster-related issues.

• We will support R&D studies on carbon capture and storage systems at source.

• We will prepare spatial plans based on scientific data with a holistic planning approach for disasters caused by climate change.

• We will prevent disaster risks with the risk mitigation plans we will prepare.

• We will adopt construction standards compatible with policies to combat climate change, using building materials with low greenhouse gas emissions and aiming to produce low greenhouse gas emissions throughout the life cycle.

• We will stand against eco-destruction projects to balance conservation and use.

• We will ban separation techniques involving toxic chemicals such as cyanide, sulfuric acid, and silica.

• We will revise and reorganize the Geothermal Resources and Natural Mineral Waters Law based on the right to live in a healthy environment.

• We will ban the discharge system in operating geothermal energy resources.

• We will not issue licenses for above-ground plots to use geothermal resources without any study conducted on underground reservoirs.

• We will prevent burning stubble and meadow areas as it damages flora and fauna and causes the loss of small creatures, insects, and microorganisms that provide soil aeration.
VI. SECTORAL POLICIES

- We will ensure that municipalities and enterprises have treatment plants and supervise the effective operation of existing ones to protect the marine environment and ecosystem.

- We will conduct sensitivity and risk analyses on our coasts and seas and establish a continuous measurement and monitoring system to prevent pollution.

**Animal Rights**

- We will guarantee animal rights constitutionally.

- We will enact the Animal Rights Act, which will constitutionally guarantee animal rights and enhance existing rights.

- We will resolutely and effectively fight against all practices that lead to the slaughter of animals, their extinction, torture and ill-treatment, economic exploitation, and destruction of their habitats.

- We will organize active and effective application methods for violence against animals and other crimes and rights violations.

- We will start a sterilization campaign for street animals.

- We will provide incentives for treating, sterilizing, and vaccinating street animals.

- We will monitor and supervise the post-sterilization processes transparently in a digital environment.

- We will introduce a domestically produced chip system to track street animals.

- We will monitor street animals' feeding and make streets safe by establishing feeding points in appropriate areas under the control of local governments to prevent animals from becoming aggressive.

- We will change the understanding of caregiving shelter inside cages under inappropriate conditions.

- We will prevent hunting decisions that allow for the hunting of protected or endangered animal species, fight against illegal hunting and increase inspections.

- We will introduce stricter rules on pet shops and the acquisition of animals and ensure that they are enforced.

- We will prohibit practices and tenders such as the wild animal trade.
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- We will prevent the illegal production of animals and their domestic and international smuggling.
- We will ensure that the migration routes of birds are taken into account.
- We will effectively protect damaged natural habitats and endangered species.
- We will hire staff for animals’ access to health services.

**Forests**

- We will separate forestry from the Ministry of Agriculture and affiliate it with the “Ministry of Climate, Environment and Forestry” to be established.
- We will implement comprehensive measures against deforestation, land degradation and pollution of the atmosphere and implement them meticulously to reduce carbon emissions, which are the main cause of the climate crisis.
- We will meet the requirements of the commitment we endorsed at COP26 in Glasgow to ‘reverse and end deforestation by 2030’.
- We will repeal Article 16 of the Appendix to the Forest Law, which gives the President the power to change the status of the forest areas.
- We will create alternative livelihood sources to increase forest villagers’ income and provide the necessary support and incentives.
- We will increase the General Directorate of Forestry’s budget sufficiently and offer prosperity to the resented forest villagers.
- We will not allow zoning and construction in forests.
- We will not allow facilities causing damage to the environment in forests, high-quality natural areas, agricultural areas, protected areas and wetlands.
- We will effectively combat the crimes of deforestation and occupying forests for irregular use.
- We will stop unauthorized and unsupervised forest felling under the name of reclamation.
- We will develop strategies to ensure that forest fires are controlled within a reasonable period and prevent their spread to wider areas.
- We will introduce arrangements for the official fire season, which covers the dates of May 1 to November 1 and spread the fight throughout the year.
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- We will establish the Air National Fleet for Early Response and Rescue to combat forest fires.
- We will eliminate equipment deficiencies, especially emergency fire aircraft and night vision flight vehicles and abandon the seasonal equipment leasing method.
- We will provide the latest technology in firefighting aircraft, helicopters and similar systems and include the aircraft to be purchased with the income generated by selling the aircraft in the presidential inventory to the forest firefighting fleet.
- We will strengthen the capacity of the Turkish Aeronautical Association and make it a natural member of forest fire management.
- We will make forest villagers part of forest management again and protect our forests in solidarity with forest villagers.
- We will fight against forest fires in collaboration with trained and specialized personnel whose responsibility is to fight against forest fires.
- We will identify the people to participate in each forest village's fight against forest fires and provide them with the necessary training and financial means.
- We will employ full-time personnel to fight against forest fires.
- We will increase forest conservation officers' powers by expanding their duties and powers to intervene in caught-in-the-act situations in forests.
- We will carry out other types of afforestation works that fit with the existing flora instead of planting fire-sensitive pine trees in the burnt and new forest areas. We will definitely not allow for any other activities in these areas.
- We will equip forests with sensors, continuously measure the conditions such as general humidity, temperature, and wind, and build a model that can make fire forecasts using artificial intelligence about forest fires.
- We will aggravate the punishment for deliberately setting forests on fire.
- We will revoke illegal zoning permits issued to burnt forest areas.
- We will open roads for water trucks to extinguish fires with less damage.
**Water Management**

- We will manage water under the newly established “Ministry of Climate, Environment and Forestry”.

- We will immediately enact a Water Law that will protect watersheds, wetlands, and water assets, ensure their survival, and legally guarantee everyone’s right to free and reliable water without discrimination.

- We will prepare a “Water Resources Action Plan” that will look into fundamental issues such as the water map and inventory, supply-demand balance, inequalities in water use per capita, water security, transboundary waters, and similar issues by also considering factors such as climate change and population growth.

- We will develop a fair and participatory water management policy not for profit but for vital purposes and develop permanent solutions against water pollution.

- We will adopt a basic-specific ecological and sustainable water management approach and establish an organization on a provincial basis.

- We will develop wetland management plans prioritizing climate crisis, water poverty and biodiversity.

- We will ensure absolute protection of water resources and wetlands and not give permissions to any investments made in industrial and residential areas and mines, HEPP/dam and other energy facilities that will cause damage in these areas.

- We will not allow waste and sewage practices in wetlands and the basins that feed these areas.

  - We will introduce new discharge standards in the basins according to the pollution status.
  - We will start planning as soon as possible underground dams for groundwater, in which there is a significant amount of loss.

  - We will give water quality labels to provinces and districts and reward cities with clean water and air.
  - We will make tap water drinkable all over Turkey.
  - We will gradually separate stormwater and sewage lines in cities.
  - We will increase the number of rainwater collection and treatment plants.
  - We will allocate funds from the general budget for the municipality projects to prevent rainwater from mixing with sewage water.
• We will invest in fixing leaks.

• We will treat wastewater and expand its use in agricultural irrigation.

• We will treat the grey water used in bathrooms and kitchens and reuse it.

• We will ensure the construction of ‘Wastewater Treatment Plants’ in all residential areas. We will not allow loans and approvals to be given to wastewater canal projects that do not include treatment plants.

• We will switch to drip/sprinkler systems in agriculture and landscape areas.

• We will prevent the drilling of artesian wells used for irrigation purposes in agriculture without any awareness.

• We will support projects that consider “Water Footprint” calculations in all areas, especially in industrial areas.

• We will encourage eco-friendly products that prioritize water conservation in white goods, such as washing machines and dishwashers and provide the necessary support for their wider use.

• We will support and encourage technological investments to diversify freshwater resources, such as brine treatment.

• We will expand the use of sensor lighting and faucet systems in public and private institutions and organizations.

• We will create risk maps for our lakes and rivers and implement emergency action plans for the lakes and rivers turning into deserts.

• We will create new production models for local people to profit by protecting lake resources instead of consuming them. We will also develop employment projects for different areas.

• We will provide clean water for lakes by terminating the operations of water storage facilities established on the water resources that feed lakes.

• We will identify lake and wetland pollutants within the scope of objective and collective responsibility and initiate legal actions against them.

• We will continuously monitor our water resources, such as lakes, ponds, rivers, and seas, using technological systems to prevent the formation of mucilage, prevent physical, chemical, and biological pollutants, and ensure that citizens have access to seawater quality data transparently.
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• We will give up deep-sea discharge projects.

• We will not block streams and drain them into dams, thus preventing fish population loss.

• We will fight against invasive fish species in our seas.

• We will revise the regulations on ballast water and bilge discharge from vessels according to current conditions.

• We will incorporate courses in school curricula, starting from preschool, on the importance of efficient water use.

• We will increase the number of awareness-raising activities about water conservation.

Urbanization

• We will establish the Ministry of Urbanization and Disaster Management.

• We will build healthy, happy and brand cities that make life easier through the information-communication technologies and smart applications used, offer a high level of prosperity, comply with sustainability principles, preserve their historical richness, compete with international cities in tourism, agriculture, logistics, technology, and industry sectors, are resilient to disasters, safe, participatory, respectful to nature and that we can leave to future generations with peace of mind.

• We will develop long-term plans for our cities instead of short-term ones based on personal benefits.

• We will reduce administrative and financial burdens by simplifying the legislation on urbanization and construction.

• We will update the Urban Information System applications.

• We will carry out Data-Based Urban Positioning studies.

• We will start working on incorporating the concept of ‘Crimes Committed Against the City’ into the legal system.

• We will register all structures on the “Urban Registration Platform (URP)” in the blockchain architecture, imposing deterrent penalties for the changes not made on the URP.

• We will introduce the practice of getting a Social Impact Assessment report before large-scale construction decisions affecting the city are taken.
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• We will adopt an approach to preserve neighbourhood culture, neighbourly and human relations, and traditional architecture.

• We will be responsive to local climate, historical and traditional patterns, structures, and boundaries in the architectural design of cities.

• We will not allow single-centred and irregular construction.

• We will train architects and urban planners to build cities aligned with our civilization’s values and cultural identity.

• We will determine the urban quality of life criteria and incorporate these criteria into zoning and urban transformation laws.

• We will redefine the “risky area” concept according to justice and equity measures.

• We will ensure that local administrations prepare their zoning plans considering the urban quality of life criteria.

• We will urgently prepare zoning and earthquake action plans for cities.

• We will focus on horizontal urbanization planning without wasting agricultural lands and build aesthetical cities with personality preserving their historical and natural texture.

• We will no longer allow the city, the land, and the soil to be an element of unearned income.

• We will get rid of the disease of vertical concreting that leads to packing in people in concrete towers, losing neighbourly relations, disrupting their social development, and distancing them from one another.

• We will enact an Urban Transformation Law that ensures cooperation between central and local governments, does not violate property rights, and eliminate deficiencies.

• We will quickly review all structures and immediately implement an urban transformation programme, starting with the most earthquake and flood-prone areas.

• We will carry out urban transformation with an understanding focusing on the environment and people, not any unearned incomes, that increases resilience to disaster risks, does not destroy the urban identity, respects nature and history, and prioritizes disadvantaged and disabled citizens.

• We will consider economic, social, and environmental elements in urban transformation projects. We will plan population density, public reinforcement areas, transportation, education, health, green space, and shopping areas. We will take the principles of expediency, transparency and justice as the basis and ensure that those living in risky areas, local governments, NGOs, and professional chambers are part of the process.
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• We will absolutely avoid behaviours such as gentrification, forced eviction, violation of property rights and debiting by ensuring cooperation between central and local governments in urban transformation practices.

• To accelerate urban transformation, we will identify substitute housing, office, and shop areas for the residents of the urban transformation area during the construction period, offer new place options to those who want to move out permanently and provide support for the moving expenses.

• We will make use of tools such as Project Partnership Share and Transfer of Development Right to support urban transformation projects.

• We will overcome the problem of authority exercised by several bodies with respect to preparing a master plan based on the understanding that local governments will be authorized to prepare a master plan. In contrast, the central government will be authorized to conduct inspections.

• We will make it mandatory for the central government and local governments to consult all relevant stakeholders in preparing the zoning plan.

• We will ensure that the Master Plan, which will function as the city’s constitution, is developed based on scientific methods according to the history and statistical data and functions compatible with the city’s identity.

• We will ensure that the zoning plan amendments are not plot-based but region-based, and we will hold a referendum for the projects that will impact the majority of the people in the region.

• We will put an end to local zoning plan amendments and precedents to generate unearned income or provide income to local governments.

• We will ensure that Environmental Layout Plans are prepared to cover all provinces and there is no area left unplanned.

• We will ensure that space is allocated for Cem Houses (Alevi gathering places) in zoning plans.

• We will apply different zoning restrictions in areas exposed to special hazards (such as liquefaction, landslides, tsunamis, and floods).

• We will put an end to the issuance of zoning amnesties that neutralize disaster management.

• We will prepare ‘Urban Design Guides’ so that construction works continue in harmony with the city’s historical and cultural heritage.
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- We will develop the National Smart Cities Program and implement it meticulously.
- We will at least double the amount of green space per capita across the country.
- We will ensure that city squares are refurbished in line with needs.
- We will plan and complete urban infrastructure before urban development.
- We will expand the scope of Intelligent Transportation Systems practices to improve traffic safety, travel comfort and uninterrupted traffic flow to offer safe, intelligent, and sustainable transportation.
- We will encourage fast and affordable transportation in the city through public transportation.
- We will ensure that the cards used on public transportation vehicles throughout the country are managed centrally.
- We will review inner-city taxi practices according to needs.
- We will expand walking, cycling and motorcycling roads/dedicated lanes.
- We will develop the 15-minute city/self-sufficient neighbourhood model through special support.
- We will develop layout plans to integrate different types of land use at the neighbourhood level, including neighbourhood gardens, rainwater harvesting/use, neighbourhood forest, parking lots, sports fields, and solar/geothermal/biomass energy production systems.
- We will increase cities’ social inclusion by developing practices that respond to the needs of all urban residents, especially children, young people, the elderly, women, and the disabled/disadvantaged.
- We will make our cities safe and liveable through practices such as street lighting, distance travelled, and increasing the number of fixed and mobile cameras.
- We will make plans to ensure that the retired and elderly population live side by side with nature and to increase communication between generations through peaceful houses, life concepts and the like.
- We will make cities disabled-friendly places, measure, and score at the city/district/neighbourhood level over certain metrics and ensure that local governments make the necessary improvements.
- We will ensure the use of economical lighting on all roads and streets.
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- We will introduce the practice of obtaining compliance certificates for parking lots for buildings.

- We will extend the use of valet services in areas with high demand for parking, reduce costs, and require that certified personnel are hired.

- We will accelerate the construction of themed city parks.

- We will prevent image pollution and public health and safety risks caused by incomplete or derelict structures.

- We will limit exterior led lighting and ensure that the city aesthetic commission assesses these installations.

- We will install sensors on municipality vehicles and present the obtained data (on humidity, air pollution, decibel measurement, etc.) as open data for new initiatives and scientific analysis to be developed.

- We will replan construction activities that reduce the region’s value due to the structural density they generate such that they add value to low-density regions and cities.

- We will develop people-oriented and need-based solutions to the housing problem of citizens through affordable and high-quality housing projects instead of solutions that generate unearned income.

- We will move on to implementing interdisciplinary Building Information Modelling (BIM) systems.

- We will review Law No. 4708 on building inspection.

- We will develop a mechanism in which seeking the approval of the relevant city’s regional conservation board and the provincial cultural directorate representatives will be mandatory for the works of art, such as sculptures and monuments, that will contribute to the identity of the city as a brand, and we will attach importance to prioritizing the aesthetics of the city.

- We will digitize the measured drawings and projects of historical buildings in 81 provinces.
Disaster Management

- We will carry out Disaster Management works under the new “Ministry of Urbanization and Disaster Management”.

- We will reorganize all aspects of the disaster-related legislation by enacting the Disaster Framework Law.

- We will restructure the Disaster Management institutions by strengthening local institutions at the central and local levels.

- We will restore AFAD’s (Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency) status and reputation as an organization, separate it from the Ministry of Interior, and restructure it as a rule-maker, facilitator, coordinator, supporter, and controller.

- We will coordinate the organizations that directly or indirectly contribute to disaster crisis management and establish provincial and regional directorates.

- We will conduct disaster management in accordance with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 2030 and the Sendai Disaster Risk Hazard Reduction Framework.

- We will develop “Spatial Emergency Plans” as part of the disaster risk reduction policy.

- We will establish local and national platforms for risk reduction decisions to be taken together with citizens living in at-risk areas.

- We will prepare the measures to be taken against the disaster and the post-disaster response planning together with local governments in places with a high risk of natural disasters.

- We will prepare conservation plans together with municipalities to reduce risks.

- We will prevent information pollution about disaster management and disaster response processes and make all disaster information available to citizens through the Disaster Information and Data Centres.

- We will make all information about disaster budgets, public investments and works related to disasters and audits traceable and accountable.

- We will ensure that the collected disaster taxes are spent on measures to reduce disaster damages and on rehabilitation works to return to normal after a disaster.

- We will prepare reports to determine disaster risks based on scientific and objective data.

- We will quickly complete the risk analyses of the building stock in all settlement areas on the fault line.
• We will launch the Hayat Istanbul Project, which aims to reduce the risk of the Istanbul earthquake.

• We will carry out reinforcement and reconstruction projects in all cities with high earthquake and natural disaster risks.

• We will ensure that earthquake reports are prepared for earthquake regions for structures that do not have earthquake reports and simulations are performed to estimate how much damage earthquakes could cause.

• We will accelerate the reinforcement works for buildings with earthquake risk against earthquakes, including schools, hospitals, and social service buildings.

• We will prepare micro plans for earthquake zones and revise zoning plans according to ground survey results.

• We will use every means to conserve historical and cultural heritage against disasters and prepare special conservation plans.

• We will immediately identify adequate earthquake assembly areas in the regions under earthquake threat and ensure that no construction permits are given for these areas.

• We will convert common public areas into spaces that can be used in case of a disaster.

• We will create shelter areas with infrastructures and spaces to meet disaster victims’ needs and also units with search-and-rescue, first aid and other basic necessities in locations that are easily accessible to citizens.

• We will incorporate early warning and effective response methods into our national digital disaster management strategy and information system infrastructure.

• We will increase the efficiency of disaster response by creating voluntary intervention structures such as youth organizations, student societies, social enterprises and non-profit social cooperatives working on disasters and emergencies.

• We will increase the number of personnel specially trained for and specialized in disaster response and improve their personal rights.

• We will increase the resilience of building stocks against disasters based on urban and housing planning compatible with climate, geography, culture, and similar features.

• We will expand the scope of DASK to cover all types of disasters and non-residential structures.

• We will develop a Crisis Management System against extraordinary situations other than natural disasters and human-induced disasters and emergencies.
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• We will strengthen the training and technical capacities of fire brigade teams.

• We will ensure equity by reorganizing the concept of post-disaster entitlement.

• We will provide temporary accommodation, goods, and rent assistance to property owners and tenants whose houses have become “uninhabitable” after a disaster.

• We will introduce a deterrent and effective punishment and execution system for crimes that cause disasters.

• We will add earthquake engineering and engineering seismology education to the curriculum of universities, academies and vocational schools that educate civil engineers, architects, urban planners, and seismologists.

• We will ensure that trainings about disaster awareness and what to do in case of a disaster are organized and provided as trainings to be given lifelong to society, starting from pre-school.

• We will ensure that the media has access to accurate, continuous, and reliable information in case of a disaster or emergency and provide correct information to the public and relevant institutions.

Regional, Urban and Rural Development

• We will adopt a bottom-up approach for development and start and manage development at the local level, not centrally from Ankara.

• We will identify and implement regional policies with the participation and effective coordination of all relevant parties.

• We will focus on equity between regions in distribution, sharing and quality of life.

• We will ensure that regional and local development is based on local data, knowledge, competencies, and institutionalization.

• We will define regions on a district basis where necessary, according to responsiveness and certainty criteria.

• We will ensure that local initiatives, development platforms, non-governmental organizations and business organizations take a more active role in regional development.

• We will increase local administrations’ powers, duties, and responsibilities in development.

• We will improve local institutions’ human resources, physical facilities, and technological capabilities.
• We will ensure that universities undertake a more active role in solving the problems in the province and region they are based.

• We will increase access to jobs, employment, education, and finance, especially for young people and women in local development.

• We will consider social entrepreneurship as one of the main tools of local and regional development and offer support in organization, funding, training, and networking.

• We will use microcredit practices and innovative methods to finance local development.

• We will effectively use consultancy and public works programmes, intensive technical and business skills training, and projects for the development of business centres in local development.

• We will ensure that development agencies give more support to local brand building.

• We will focus on creating special areas for industrial and commercial uses at the local level, strengthening existing local firms, developing the innovation capacities of small, medium, and micro enterprises, and developing strategies to increase demand for local products.

• We will strengthen cohesion, complementarity, and synergy between regional, urban, and rural development.

• We will develop programmes to unite universities and cities through human investment programmes to increase urban economies’ competitiveness.

• We will ensure that our border cities benefit more from international trade opportunities, especially with neighbouring countries. We will also strengthen border cities’ logistics, transportation, and infrastructure.

• We will introduce a new understanding of rural development and increase the impact and role of civil society and the private sector.

• We will make maximum use of information and communication technologies in production, e-commerce, education, health, and skill development and improve the quality of rural life.

• We will ensure that municipalities cooperate with producer and consumer cooperatives and encourage the establishment of cooperatives in their regions if there are no cooperatives.

• We will encourage getting organized as cooperatives in the villages and provide grants, affordable credit facilities, and tax and premium support for investment and operation stages to the enterprises established by villages and cooperatives that want to process their agricultural and animal products and make them value-added.
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• In collaboration with the Central Union of Agricultural Credit Cooperatives, we will ensure that producer associations and cooperatives have the required structure in place to support local and rural small businesses and that they focus on establishing supply chains, accessing logistics facilities, national and international marketing and creating regional-global brands.

• We will pioneer the establishment of “Next Generation Cooperatives” to ensure rural development and encourage the establishment of Brand Cooperatives that will support marketing, P&D, design services, and brand communication for enterprises that are not suitable for economies of scale for global and domestic trade.

• We will review the regional and sectoral incentive system and make it more effective.
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National Education will no longer be a field of ideological conflict.

We will structure education as the basic element of social and economic development with the participation of all stakeholders in an attempt to reach the level of contemporary civilization.

We will raise knowledgeable, wise, and conscious generations.

We will organize educational institutions and processes regardless of gender, ethnicity, religion, language, place of residence, health status, and socio-economic conditions based on an inclusive understanding that guarantees equal and fair opportunity and the right to quality education.

We will organize learning-teaching environments with a skill-oriented learning approach, enabling the development of critical thinking and questioning.

We will manage the Ministry of National Education (MEB) in a transparent and accountable manner based on scientific data by restructuring the content, academic staff, physical infrastructure, finance, measurement, evaluation, and inspection mechanisms.

We will digitize the MEB and make it a pioneering and leading institution in the development of educational technologies.

We will appoint the personnel based on the qualifications and education levels in administrative positions in the main service units of the Ministry of National Education.

We will focus on concrete criteria such as seniority, management experience, qualification, project, award, master’s, doctorate degrees and similar criteria in assignments and promotions to the managerial positions within the schools and within the primary service units of the ministry.

We will render the Board of Education and Discipline an effective institution, enabling that it determines the policies of education and training and guides education with its merit-based structure.

We will provide free milk, water and lunch to students enrolled in public schools.

We will provide textbooks free of charge to all preschool, primary and secondary school students without any further need for additional auxiliary books. We will do this to contribute to local tradespeople’s business and the economy.

We will meet the stationery, schoolbag and clothing needs and internet access of students in need in public schools from kindergarten to university free of charge through the “Education Support Card”. 
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- We will organize pre-school education within the framework of “full day, full support” principle, taking the needs of working parents into account.

- We will turn at least one classroom in one school into a childcare centre in every neighbourhood, particularly in metropolitan areas, enabling the parents can do their daily chores during the daytime.

- We will ensure exam security in an attempt not to hurt the public conscience.

- We will develop a process-oriented system, not exam-oriented for the transition to secondary education, and we will provide guidance within the framework of equality of opportunity and justice, taking into account the student’s grades, performance, interest, talents, and skills in the learning process.

- We will put an end to the practices that change from one year to the next in the LGS-High School Entrance Exams, and we will abolish the LGS exam in time.

- We will offer multiple exams throughout the year instead of only one exam for placement in a university.

- We will implement compulsory education as 1+5+4+3, one year of pre-school, five years of primary school, four years of secondary school and three years of high school education.

**Early Childhood Education**

- We will provide preschool education free of charge, making it compulsory for one year and provide early childhood education for three-year-olds and older ones by creating relevant infrastructures and make it optional.

- We will maintain a holistic approach to language, intelligence and skill development, familiarity with nature, values education and personal, physical, and educational development starting from age 3.

- We will roll out the “Nursery Ecosystem Model” and “Early Childhood Care and Education Program”, in concert with the public and private sector, NGOs, universities and local governments, by extending the number of the kindergartens across the country in an attempt to offer equality of opportunity for preschool children in their education life.
Primary Education

- We will organize the 5th year of the 5-year primary school in the form of an academic preparation programme for secondary education and the first year of the 4-year secondary school in the form of a foreign language and coding preparatory class.

- We will ensure that children develop awareness about universal ethics, human rights, justice, health, environment and animal rights, culture, art, science, and sports in primary school education, update the curriculum to increase awareness about technology and innovation, and help students develop a programming and entrepreneurship philosophy through techniques such as gamification.

- We will prepare an action plan in order to develop basic skills and put an end to Learning Poverty at primary education level.

- We will re-plan the course hours and curriculum and make it pedagogically suitable in line with the children’s age.

- We will increase the number of elective courses in secondary schools, especially in fields such as arts, sports, and science.

- We will switch to full-time education at all education levels by eliminating the infrastructure related deficiencies.

- We will reopen the previously shut village schools and put an end to the Bussed Primary Education practice.¹

- We will identify resource, physical facility and equipment related deficiencies at school level and prepare an action plan to minimize the differences between schools in terms of quality and quantity in an attempt to offer equal and fair education opportunities.

- We will put an end to the combined class practice, except for mandatory cases.

- We will give priority to the construction of new schools in the areas where classrooms are very crowded.

- We will build schools suitable for all disability groups, and we will not let disabled children be left behind.

- We will make each and every effort to increase the schooling rate and the attendance rate of girls, and we will provide all the necessary support and incentives accordingly.

¹ Launched in the 1989/1990 academic year, Bussed Primary Education aims to provide education for the children of primary school age living in less populated and sparsely settled areas. It aims to reduce the number of schools with combined classes and offer more qualified education and training services.

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• We will create a counselling and guidance system based on the student’s interest, preference, ability, and academic success in which no student will have to be enrolled in a high school type or programme that they do not wish to.

• We will ensure that students learn at least one foreign language and gain coding skills through software using digital content and media.

• We will develop the EBA (Educational Informatics Network) infrastructure and render it functional in an attempt to bridge the digital gap.

• We will allocate each school a school-based budget that will be supervised by the Ministry of National Education, and we will further allocate resources to schools per student.

• We will abandon donation, relief and similar payment practices which are open to abuse under the umbrella of the Parent-Teacher Association.

**Secondary Education**

• We will shift from a purely informative and exam-oriented approach to a system that is guiding-oriented in social, emotional, and scientific thinking, professional tendency, social awareness, and acquiring an identity as an individual in high school education.

• We will provide individualized academic and professional orientation through flexible curricula in line with students’ interests, talents and desires and elective courses as well as courses to be taken on the MEB (Ministry of National Education) online education platforms in high school.

• We will eliminate the qualified or unqualified distinctions regarding the secondary education institutions, which is not in line with the broader understanding of education, and we will ensure that all institutions are offer high quality education.

• We will expand Central Boarding Regional Secondary Schools and high schools with boarding houses in regions where there is no access to education, and further, we will open Boarding Technology High Schools.

• We will open boarding Vocational and Technical High Schools in all Organized Industrial Zones in line with the needs of the industries, and we will manage these schools in concert with the Ministry of National Education and the Organized Industrial Zone management.

• We will offer support to universities in opening entrepreneurship and technology incubation centres for high schools.

• We will ensure the integration between colleges of education in universities and schools.
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• We will not limit domestic and international exchange programmes to universities merely.

• We will reorganize Open Education High Schools.

Higher Education

• We will abolish the Higher Education Council and establish a board with limited duties to plan higher education and ensure coordination between higher education institutions without interfering with the academic, administrative, and financial autonomy of higher education institutions.

• We will secure the scientific, administrative, and financial autonomy of higher education institutions.

• We will ensure that the management and supervision of higher education institutions are carried out by the bodies they elect from among their faculty members.

• We will ensure that administrative and supervisory bodies and teaching staff can only be dismissed by the authorized bodies of these institutions.

• We will ensure that universities are managed by a supreme board consisting of academics, alumni, students, representatives of the local administrations, business world, professional organizations and public, recommended by the Senate of the universities and voted by the academicians via a pluralist, participatory and sustainable vision.

• We will ensure that the supreme boards manage the rector selection processes in a way that is specific to each university.

• We will organize the election, work, and term of office of the supreme boards through regulations.

• We will ensure administrative, financial, and scientific autonomy in universities, and make universities the centre of free thought, scientific studies, and discussions.

• We will remove the barriers to the freedom of expression of academics.

• We will organize the content and processes in higher education with a focus on “professional competence”, “vision development” and “production”.

• We will change the understanding of opening a university in every city and every district, and we will ensure that universities, colleges, and departments are re-planned and restructured in line with the goals and needs of our country.

• We will ensure the specialization and branding of universities in different fields, both regionally and structurally.

• We will allocate more resources to higher education out of the allocated budget.
• We will support models that will strengthen the cooperation with the private and public industries in the knowledge production and knowledge commercialization processes of universities.

• We will encourage our universities to open digital or physical campuses in other countries and support student exchange programmes.

• We will encourage our universities to accept international students within the framework of strengthened standards, and we will pave the way for them to employ foreign and qualified academic staff and administrators.

• We will facilitate international equivalency processes through a fast and secure system by setting high standards.

• We will increase the foreign language achievement score required for academic faculty.

• We will resolutely fight against plagiarism made through predatory magazines and remove our country from the plagiarism lists.

• We will increase the number students receiving scholarship in master’s and doctoral programmes at universities.

• We will increase the quality of master’s and doctoral theses.

• We will establish mechanisms for accreditation of university degrees, and we will present the employment competence of each diploma to the information of those who select a university.

• We will increase the number of postgraduate students sent abroad by raising the standards regarding the universities to be studied.

• We will evaluate the criteria including credit and content of the courses from a single centre in the transition between fields, thereby ensuring that the equivalence and exemption conditions are simplified.

• We will redesign the open education departments in line with the needs.

• We will not let the university lands turn into a source of unearned income.

• We will solve the dormitory related issues of the universities by constructing new dormitories and undertaking the “extended campus” practices by renting the buildings around the university campus.

• We will address the loans and scholarships offered by KYK (Higher Education Student Loans and Dormitories Institution) with a new understanding, and we will make the distribution processes transparent.
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Teachers

- We will make it our main priority to increase the institutional and social quality and prestige of our teachers.

- We will aim to reach the OECD average regarding the number of students per teacher.

- We will amend the Teaching Profession Law, improve teachers’ personal rights, and put an end to grouping teachers as teachers, expert teachers, and head teachers.

- We will set up a base point in choosing the education department in the university selection exams, determine the base point dynamically in line with supply and demand, and maintain quality control.

- We will try to decrease the number of teachers awaiting appointment.

- We will provide the opportunity to become a teacher for those who graduated from colleges suitable for their teaching fields, provided that the entrance score of the department they graduated is equal to the entry score of the relevant college of education and they have a master’s degree in the College of Education.

- We will abolish the interviewing process in teacher appointments.

- We will objectively consider the achievements of the students, the seminars that the teachers attend, in-service training(s), postgraduate education, the course(s) they attend, and the project(s) they conduct or participate in evaluating the teachers’ career development.

- We will develop the competencies of teachers including the preparation digital content, interactive lessons, and smart board content, and we will focus on in-service training, including information technologies.

- We will ensure that the number and student quotas of Colleges of Education are compatible with the teacher requirements which are to be determined within the framework of long-term development plans.

- We will ensure that the students in the Colleges of Education receive practical training in addition to theoretical knowledge, that they are trained in schools, not in the form of short and perfunctory internships, and that they graduate as competent teacher candidates.

- We will ensure that all Colleges of Education are accredited.

- We will encourage teacher candidates to graduate from Colleges of Education with a “Master’s Degree” and further encourage them to pursue a doctorate degree.

- We will ensure that teachers participate in domestic and international education, symposiums, and similar activities without hindering their educational roles.
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• We will encourage internships in disadvantaged regions and provide financial support to encourage teachers to stay longer in these regions.

Special Education, Gifted Students, Lifelong Education and Schools

• We will remove all barriers to access to education for disadvantaged children with special educational needs.

• We will establish service standards and principles for the activities of Special Education and Guidance Centres, with the active participation of stakeholders, with a student-centred and human rights-based understanding.

• We will establish lifelong education campuses for our special children in all the provinces and in large districts that are suitable for the children who need special care (children with Autism, Asperger’s, Down and other PDD), and we will provide dormitories on these campuses for the children in need of sheltering support.

• We will use supporting technologies in special education in an attempt to individualize the education of the children with special needs, as well as to increase their independence and to improve their quality of life.

• We will offer the necessary tools, equipment, documents and meet similar needs of all students with special needs.

• We will increase the qualification levels of educators in public schools and provide the necessary resources and material support in order to remove the obstacles to the admission of students with special needs to inclusive classes.

• We will prepare an action plan in order to screen the students in an attempt to discover their talents in pre-school, primary and secondary schools and to provide extracurricular support in fields related to their special talents.

• We will identify gifted and talented students based on objective criteria and open private schools, prepare special support programmes, and provide out-of-school education opportunities and scholarships for these students.

• We will create unique programmes for gifted students in line with their competencies and interests, pave the way for them to take courses from higher education levels, and review the secondary education and university system with this approach.

• We will take measures to prevent the exam preparation process, which brings a meaningless educational burden to families in the process of selecting students for Science and Art Centres, and we will create an effective counselling and guidance system by screening talents with modern methods.
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• We will turn Psychological Counselling and Guidance into a professional service area that can be accessed anytime, anywhere.

• We will raise Psychological Counselling and Guidance staff that will meet the needs according to the number of students in the schools at all educational levels, from early childhood education to high school.

• We will require specialization in Psychological Counselling and Guidance services to eliminate the serious drawbacks caused by one or two-week courses that turn unspecialized individuals to specialists providing personal, vocational, and academic guidance services.

• We will structure the education system as of the of 3 and make it a life-long education with the principle of “Everywhere is a School, Every Moment is a Training”.

• By transforming the understanding of lifelong learning into a lifestyle, we will provide all our citizens with the knowledge, skills, and equipment they need to adapt themselves to the rapid transformation in automation and business fields.

• We will create modular lifelong learning programmes that are flexible and so that we can respond quickly to the needs.

• We will restructure non-formal education institutions in such a way that enables everyone to receive the education they need within the framework of lifelong education approach.

• We will open universities to the public and enable different age groups to use the campuses in different classes, in different programmes simultaneously.

• We will reorganize the structure and processes of public education centres and establish standards in the fields of measurement and evaluation of learning and skills, certification, or documentation.

• We will strengthen the cooperation between enterprises, organized industrial zones, public education centres, cultural centres, vocational schools, and universities in lifelong learning.

• We will encourage the establishment of a dynamic education structure for all ages in an attempt to deepen in their professions and switch to the other professions.

• We will encourage the lifelong education programmes to meet the needs of the industry and to brace up the future technologies. Further, we will ensure bracing up for the short- and medium-term technological advances.

• We will place Parent Education at the centre of our education policies.
• We will design the architectural structures of schools taking into account the needs of persons with disabilities, common study areas, sports, and art (painting, music, concert) spaces and improve the existing ones in this framework.

• We will ensure that school canteens, gardens and toilets are constantly monitored in terms of security and cleanliness, and sufficient number of cleaners are employed.
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Family and Children
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Youth
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Combating Drugs
Social Relief and Services

- We will save the individual and the family from the spiral of poverty; will ensure integration in social assistance, social work, social insurance, and employment services; we will create a system of social assistance and services that will complement each other and ensure that these services are provided in a coordinated manner.

- We will clarify the definitions of poverty and being in need and standardize the criteria of neediness.

- We will gather in-kind and cash aids provided by different institutions under one roof.

- We will continue integrating the social assistance provided by different institutions and organizations into the Integrated Social Assistance Information System, keep the system constantly up-to-date and use it in an effective manner.

- We, as the State, will provide “Income Support” on a family basis, in line with a rights-based, supply-oriented, and institutionalized structure to raise low-income families to a decent life level.

- We will deposit the income support into the account of the female member of the household.

- We will cover single-person households within the scope of Income Support, too.

- We will raise the cash benefits provided for children's healthcare and education, with consideration for the costs of care, food, clothing, and transportation.

- We will increase the minimum living allowance for the children of the employees to the same amount.

- We will provide food support, including milk and baby formula, to low-income families for new-borns for one year.

- We will update the maternity allowance, income and pensions paid to widows and orphans in line with the current conditions.

- We will provide heating assistance to the poor families during the winter.

- We will ensure that kindergartens are free of charge for poor families.

- We will utilize blockchain and artificial intelligence technologies at the highest level in identifying families in need of social assistance and determining the types and amounts of social assistance to be provided.
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• We will establish a relationship between social assistance and employment and encourage joining the business life so that everyone can live in accordance with human dignity, as our main guiding principle which is very dear to our heart.

• We will consider the employment of our socio-economically disadvantaged citizens as a priority, implement job acquisition programmes and wide-scale employment support for those receiving social assistance, and support companies that employ the socio-economically disadvantaged citizens.

• We will establish the institutional and legal infrastructure in a way that enables us to provide social assistance without harming the human dignity and we will prevent the generation of political unearned income.

• We will make the membership structure of social assistance boards and commissions established in provinces and districts more inclusive and ensure that they are composed of entirely impartial people.

• We will improve the physical spaces of Social Assistance and Solidarity Foundations and further increase their institutional and technical capacities.

• We will revive the foundation culture, which is our ancient tradition in fighting against poverty.

• We will increase the number of structures such as Community Health Centres, kindergartens, Youth Centres and Public Education Centres in socio-economically disadvantaged regions, and we will combat the disadvantages caused by poverty in education, health, and social areas by making these centres functional.

• We will strengthen the capacity and resources of local governments in the field of social services.

• We will increase the number and quality of Social Service Centres and ensure that they can provide mobile and on-site services in line with our neighbourhood-oriented integrated social service approach.

• We will increase the number of social workers.
Social Security

- We will ensure the autonomy of the Social Security Institution and redesign its administrative and organizational structure.

- We will eliminate the deficiencies, unfair treatment, and imbalances in the 3600 additional indicator regulations.

- We will shift to a system in which the monthly pension rate increases in line with increases in insured working time. We will encourage long-term employees to work longer in order to receive higher pensions.

- We will take into account not only inflation, but also the share of welfare stemming from growth in increasing the pensions.

- We will improve the optional insurance system for housewives who have the right to retirement in the number and rate of premium payment days and the maternity borrowing related to the birth(s) they had given before they were insured.

- We will not collect the contribution fees pensioners pay for healthcare services.

- We will increase the pensions paid to widows and orphans.

- We will increase the attrition rate in hazardous occupations with high risk levels by redefining risky occupations.

- We will ensure the establishment of the Care Assurance Model and the launch of the Care Insurance.

- We will grant the right to borrow for social security premiums for the time spent as apprentice(s) and trainee(s).

- We will increase the number of countries with which mutual social security agreements are signed in an attempt to protect the social security rights of our citizens working remotely in other countries.

- We will combat unregistered employment through training, awareness raising, on-site and effective supervision, cooperation with non-governmental organizations, legal incentives, technological opportunities, and data integrations.
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Working Life

• We will prevent all kinds of practices involving negative discrimination against women in working life.

• We will prevent child labour.

• We will adopt ILO Convention No. 175 on part-time work.

• We will clearly and unequivocally secure the social security rights of employees such as health and retirement in business models including on-call work, part-time work, and remote work.

• We will consider the EU’s “Platform Work Directive” and the relevant guidelines of the EU Commission as the main guiding documents in matters related to self-employment on digital platforms.

• We will ratify the ILO convention No. 189 on “Decent Work for Domestic Workers”.

• We will facilitate the work permits of the qualified foreign workforce who can contribute to the scientific and technological development of our country.

• We will fight illegal foreign labour without compromise in an effective manner.

• We will ratify the ILO Convention No. 131 on determining minimum the wage.

• We will prevent the abuse of the Unemployment Insurance Fund.

• We will ensure that more unemployed people receive higher benefits for a longer period from the unemployment allowance.

• We will review the severance pay system within the framework of dialogue in dialogue with social parties.

• We will arrange the compulsory mediation mechanism in workers’ receivables in a way that will not bring financial burden to the workers.

• We will raise occupational health and safety standards to ILO standards.

• We will reorganize the business lines classified as dangerous, taking into account the occupational accidents.

• We will ensure that preventive measures are taken in an attempt to eliminate work related accidents and occupational diseases at home and workplaces, and we will make the necessary arrangements in the Occupational Health and Safety Law.
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- We will have legal and institutional arrangements in place in an attempt to eliminate the dependency of occupational health and safety experts on employers and thereby enabling them to act impartially.

- We will impose heavy sanctions on workplaces that do not comply with occupational health and safety rules.

- We will ensure that union representatives are present in the supervision of occupational health and safety at workplaces.

- We will re-evaluate occupational diseases according to ILO standards, carry out research to address the fields of labour law and medicine in an attempt to eliminate the reasons behind the occupational diseases, and moreover, we will increase the number of hospitals dedicated to occupational diseases.

- We will develop the digital infrastructure in an attempt to increase the number of workplace inspectors, make workplace audits regular, and enable risk-based auditing.

- We will impose heavy sanctions on workplaces that do not comply with the working hours and overtime regulations set by legal limits.

- We will align the legislation regulating the trade unions with ILO and EU standards, and therefore ensure that employees benefit from trade union rights and freedoms to the maximum extent in accordance with the contemporary norms.

- We will support unionization and collective bargaining in workplaces, and we will develop support models in an attempt to protect the competitiveness of unionized workplaces.

The Disabled

- We will eliminate the clutter in public services for the disabled, gather all services under a single roof, and create a strong institutional structure accordingly.

- We will create a database of people with disabilities, update it regularly and share it with the public.

- We will put the National Autism Action Plan into practice.

- We will improve the domestic legislation in line with the Concluding Observations of the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

- We will ratify the ILO Convention No. 190 and prepare sub-legislation accordingly in an attempt to protect all disadvantaged groups, especially women, against violence and harassment in the working life.
• We will make new legal arrangements to end discrimination against the disabled, and we will impose penal sanctions regarding the provisions that are not put in practice, though they exist in law.

• We will eliminate the legitimate concerns of parents with disabled children about who will take care of their children in the event of their death, through clear legal regulations.

• We will fill the existing quotas reserved for the disabled in the public and private sectors, taking the digital transformation and the opportunities to work from home or remotely into account.

• We will ensure that disabled people working in the public sector are employed in line with their level of education, profession, and abilities.

• We will ensure that a balanced policy is determined among the disabled groups regarding the employment of the disabled, and that women with disabilities, the hearing impaired and the mentally disabled benefit equally from the employment quotas allocated to the disabled.

• We will ensure that people with disabilities receive training compatible with their competencies and professions, and we will increase their employability.

• We will encourage vocational training and certificate programmes for the disabled through social responsibility projects.

• We will develop projects that will enable disabled people to be employed as qualified personnel in areas such as software, coding, cyber security, e-commerce expertise, big data management.

• We will increase the adaptation of disabled personnel to work, workplace and other personnel through Business Coaching practices.

• We will update disability pensions, care allowances, and material supports according to current conditions, in light of the high inflation.

• We will increase the income limit per person in the household while determining disability pensions and care benefits.

• We will update the Social Security Institution contribution fees for prostheses and orthoses that citizens with disabilities use in line with the current conditions.

• We will provide social support to families by opening disabled care homes and childcare centres and help them meet their families’ daily needs by opening daily care homes for the disabled and elderly where they can receive care for one day.
• We will reduce the disability rate, which is at least 60%, so that children with disabilities can receive healthcare benefits through their parents.

• We will increase the duration of maternity leave before and after the birth for women with disabilities.

• We will encourage the disabled to rehabilitate, participate in social life and lead a healthy life, prepare the necessary infrastructure opportunities for them to do sports in almost every branch, and expand the rules of offering bonuses to successful national athletes.

• We will increase the number of appropriations provided to the Disability Sports Clubs out of the budget of the Ministry of Youth and Sports.

• We will ensure that disabled people benefit from social facilities of the public institutions and organizations at a discount.

• We will strategically include and promote products such as medical devices, drugs, test kits and product made via artificial intelligence which are compatible with the developing technologies so that disabled people can live independently and be included in society.

• We will solve accessibility problems within the framework of Universal Design Principles.

• We will ensure that cities, public buildings, workplaces, cultural centres such as cinemas and theatres, educational institutions and public transport vehicles are accessible for disabled people at international standards. We will meticulously inspect these facilities and vehicles.

• We will ensure that warning signs are posted on the streets where disabled people live or study.

• We will put a fair and effective Health Board Reports Regulation into practice, and we will end the different health board report requests asked to be submitted to each and every public institution.

• We will ensure that the Health Board Reports are prepared in accordance with the standards of the World Health Organization.

• We will ensure that a new health board report is prepared for once, which will determine all disability conditions, necessary equipment (medical equipment, etc.) and training needs of the disabled in the determination of permanent disability.

• We will ensure that a new health board report is prepared in the same way, according to the degree and nature of the disability, in the determination of temporary disability.

• We will facilitate the provision of services for the disabled in public and university hospitals.
We will implement an integrated programme with scholarships and employment guarantees in order to increase the qualifications of care professionals and in particular of those who offer training in special education and rehabilitation centres.

We will increase the quality of healthcare services in disabled care institutions owned and paid by the ministry.

We will ensure that habilitation and rehabilitation services are started at the earliest possible stage and that these services are provided in the closest location to the disabled’s dwelling.

We will provide government support to ensure sustainable, safe, and high standards for disabilities that require special care are maintained.

We will establish a system for early diagnosis in which the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of National Education will work in cooperation.

We will focus on preventive healthcare services in order to prevent birth-related disability.

We will strengthen early diagnosis and early intervention services to ensure the participation of individuals with autism and Down Syndrome in social life.

By cooperating with international universities experienced in SMA treatment, we will ensure that our children are treated in our country, primarily in the relevant centres and through the training of specialists and technology transfer at the earliest date possible.

We will form multidisciplinary rehabilitation teams, establish special rehabilitation units, and employ social workers to assist the disabled in the hospitals.

We will include educational programmes in curricula starting from kindergarten so that the rights and freedoms of the disabled can be transferred to the society.

We will include the course on Barrier-Free Living in the curriculum in an attempt to launch a nationwide Accessibility Campaign.

We will launch the National Accessibility Week in an attempt to increase social awareness.

We will make integrative plans to ensure that our disabled citizens receive education at all levels within the general education system.

We will expand the number of schools for the disabled.

We will eliminate the problems that arise in the admission of disabled people to educational institutions through clear legal regulations.
• We will create a realistic and sustainable support programme for special education and rehabilitation centres.

• We will increase the rehabilitation service that children with special needs receive outside of formal education to at least 40 lesson hours per month.

• We will ensure that the hearing and visually impaired can receive comfortable and quality education at all levels of education, including universities.

• We will create a Turkish sign language system for the hearing impaired, and we will work to teach this language to the society.

• We will develop vocational habilitation, rehabilitation, and training programmes so that the disabled can receive education in the fields they choose, and we will ensure that legal persons and real persons other than public institutions can provide voluntary services within these programmes.

• We will make arrangements to include the disabled who have started their formal education programmes late into the education.

• We will increase the schooling rate of the disabled and prepare the infrastructure for the integrated education by enabling the disabled to receive education together with other students from pre-school onwards.

• We will provide information and support to our 0–36-month-old children whose Special Education Needs have been determined, and we will provide the necessary education services by monitoring and evaluating them every 6 months in cooperation with our universities, local governments, and non-governmental organizations.

• We will implement the nursery practice across the country for the education and rehabilitation of our disabled children, all of which will be financed by public funds within the framework of the Inclusive Nursery Without Barriers.

• We will further strengthen the cooperative atmosphere regarding integrative education between special education schools, Guidance Research Centres, special education and rehabilitation centres and general education schools.

• We will remove all kinds of obstacles faced by the students with disabilities in exams.

• We will initiate a campaign for the families of our disabled children to actively participate in all aspects of their children's education process within the scope of the “National Parenting Project”.
Citizens 65 and over

- We will prepare the Active Aging Policy Document and implement the Aging and Retirement Preparation Programs with the participation of our citizens aged 65 and over and all relevant stakeholders.

- We will establish a separate General Directorate of Elderly People under the Ministry of Labour and Social Security, which we aim to restructure.

- We will strengthen the capacity of the Social Services Institution.

- We will create a database in an attempt to increase the accessibility of services for our citizens aged 65 and over and to reach people in need from all walks of life.

- We will increase the Elderly Pension.

- We will increase the allowances of elderly poor people living in nursing homes.

- We will ensure that citizens over 65 benefit from cultural, art and sports activities free of charge.

- We will ensure that care services such as nutrition, shelter, health, and cleaning are provided in places and methods that will not alienate the disabled and the elderly from their homes, social environment, cities, and social life.

- We will create a pool of reliable, competent, trained, and certified caregivers for home care and support.

- We will stop waiting in line by increasing Long Term Inpatient Care capacity.

- We will establish special care centres for our elderly and bedridden patients.

- We will make Short-Term and Temporary Care services effective and widespread.

- We will open Specialized Elderly Care Centres for the elderly with the Alzheimer’s, dementia, who are bedridden, and in need of continuous medical care and palliative care.

- We will increase the number of Nursing Homes, Elderly Life Homes and Day Service Centres in a way that will meet the need(s) and demand(s) by strengthening and cooperating with local governments.

- We will support and expand activities such as trips, sports, theatre, and movie days for our elderly organized by the municipalities and related centres.

- We will support courses geared towards developing and furthering the theatre, music, and other art related skills of our elderly.
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• We will support Advanced Age / Third Age Tourism and strengthen Care and Rehabilitation Tourism.

• We will improve the digital literacy of our citizens aged 65 and over and their relatives, strengthen their capacity to use information and communication technologies, and thus prevent fraud and abuse cases.

• We will render our cities "Accessible and Age Friendly Cities", by creating attraction centres for the seniors and increasing their quality of life.

• We will ensure that “aging effect analysis” is carried out in housing projects and particularly in the construction of mass housing.

• We will encourage volunteers and non-governmental organizations to support our elderly people with high quality and high standards.

• We will establish campuses where elderly care and child protection centres coexist, ensure the meeting of generations within this system, and implement a new education, social assistance and working model for young people.

• We will create sustainable mechanisms for the financing of long-term care and implement the elderly care insurance.

Veterans and Relatives of Soldiers Killed in Action (Martyrs)

• By restructuring the General Directorate of Martyrs’ Relatives and Veterans, we will ensure that it operates in close contact with the relatives of martyrs, veterans, and relatives of veterans.

• We will simplify the process of granting martyrdom and veteran status and the imbalances in the salaries paid to the families of martyrs and disabled veterans by making the required arrangements in the “Law on Martyrs’ Families and Veterans” and other relevant legislation.

• We will establish a common database for families of martyrs and veterans.

• We will prepare an “Action Plan for Veterans’ Participation in Economic and Social Life”, encourage our veterans to engage in social, sports and cultural activities, and offer special entrepreneurship incentives.

• We will establish a “Good Life Monitoring Unit” in an attempt to make the treatment and rehabilitation process of our veterans fast and effective.
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• We will share transparently with the public what happened to 310 million liras collected as a donation for the relatives of the July 15 martyrs, veterans, and relatives of veterans and 52 million liras collected for the victims of the Beşiktaş terrorist act and other sources collected to be spent for the families of the martyrs and veterans. We will deliver these sources to their interlocutors as promised.

• We will reopen GATA and other military hospitals.

• We will increase the salary paid to the parents of martyrs.

• We will abolish the different practices in the honour pension given to combat veterans who fought in the War of Independence, the Korean War, and the Cyprus Peace Operation, and we will increase the honour pension for all combat veterans.

• We will eliminate the imbalances in the salaries paid to the families of martyrs and disabled veterans.

• We will ensure that bonuses are paid to the families of the martyrs on March 18, Martyrs’ Day, and to the disabled veterans on September 19, Veterans Day.

• We will put an end to the heavy bureaucracy in health transactions such as the provision of social security, medicine, health supplies and equipment for the relatives of martyrs, veterans, and their relatives.

• We will prevent repeated request of documents by providing access to the required public documents displaying the status of relatives of martyrs and veterans through e-government and electronic access.

• We will remove the restrictions on the payment for the needs of the families of martyrs, disabled veterans, and duty disabled people, such as orthoses, prostheses, wheelchairs, dental implants, and in vitro fertilization by the SSI.

• We will ensure that the vital needs of visually impaired veterans and duty-disabled people, such as artificial intelligence glasses are paid by the SSI.

• We will provide discounts on natural gas as well as electricity and water to the families of martyrs, disabled veterans and the disabled.

• We will ensure that the children of veterans can also benefit from the free travel card practice offered to the children of martyrs.

• We will increase the number of rehabilitation centres for veterans, minimize waiting times, and provide physical and psychological rehabilitation free of charge.

• We will ensure that guest houses dedicated to the families of martyrs, combatants and disabled veterans are built.
VIII. SOCIAL POLICIES

• We will ensure that the families of martyrs, combatants and disabled veterans benefit from all public guesthouses at the maximum level.

• We will provide insurance premium support to employers in employing the families of martyrs and veterans.

• We will provide the necessary support for the children of martyrs, veterans, and veterans themselves to pursue their education at all levels by the funding they receive through scholarships.

• We will keep the names of our martyrs alive by naming the roads, schools, and similar places after them, and we will ensure that new generations learn about the ways in which they can show respect and gratitude towards our martyrs, veterans, and their relatives throughout their education.

Housing and Sheltering

• We will take measures to facilitate everyone’s access to healthy, safe, completed housing within the scope of the ‘Right to Housing and Sheltering’.

• We will ensure that the Mass Housing Administration focuses on the production of Social Housing, which is its main task, and we will allocate the resources needed to this end.

• We will abolish the Law No. 6306 on Transformation of Areas Under Disaster Risk so that it will no longer be binding for the public and thus serve the unjust wealth transfer rather than disaster prevention.

• We will pave the way for long-term and affordable finance, which will ensure that the costs become predictable through the environment of trust, stability, and low inflation.

• We will provide long-term loan at favourable rates to low-income citizens and/or disadvantaged groups who would like to become homeowners.

• We will accelerate the construction of social housing projects and ensure that low-income families can become house owners by paying instalments as if paying rent or renting at a low cost.

• We will ensure that disadvantaged groups, newlyweds, and those who are unemployed for a long time will primarily benefit from social housing.

• We will make it possible for housing associations and cooperatives to build rental social housing for the low-income.
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- We will prevent social housing buyers from selling or renting these houses for a certain period of time, except under special circumstances.
- We will provide rental assistance to the low-income tenants according to their income levels.
- We will arrange for vacant house tax to be collected if a house does not change hands and is not rented out for a certain period of time.
- We will harmonize real estate market values with current market values.
- We will apply the property tax and valuable housing tax at an increasing rate according to the number of houses owned.
- We will develop land with the infrastructure-related affordances offered by the state working together with the Local Authorities, and we will sell these lands to our citizens who do not own a house at favourable rates.
- We will create new living spaces instead of compressing the population in a narrow space, and for this purpose, we will expand suburban transportation services such as high-speed trains and develop affordable projects that are not expensive to access since the destinations are far from the city, but within easy access to the city.
- By bridging the gap in the socio-economic development between regions, we will ensure that our citizens live in their hometowns.
- We will slow down the migration from rural to urban areas, encourage citizens to build houses on their own lands in villages and towns, and facilitate their access to social and public services through rural development policies.
- We will open a sufficient number of student dormitories in or near all universities in an attempt to offer accommodation of high quality for young people.
- We will generate a modern specification, coding, and cost system in housing production.
- We will encourage the development of industrial construction techniques for lower cost and faster housing construction.
Healthcare

- We will turn the right to health into an explicit constitutional right, and we will ensure that no one can be deprived of health services.

- We will ensure that health services of high quality are accessible and fair to all.

- We will make an implementation plan in an attempt to eliminate geographical differences in access to health services and monitor the progress every year.

- We will prioritize preventive health services and increase the share it receives out of the health budget.

- We will make primary care the focus of healthcare services provision, and by preparing the gradual referral chain infrastructure, we will reduce the patient burden on secondary and tertiary care.

- We will make the healthcare appointment system work effectively.

- We will bring the examination time to the standards recommended by the World Health Organization.

- We will make the family medicine system the centre of our public health understanding.

- We will immediately abolish the Penal Code related to Family Medicine.

- We will reduce the population per family physician.

- We will increase the rate given to family medicine residency training staff in the Medical Specialization Examination.

- We will improve the physical conditions and technical equipment of Family Health Centres (FHC) and bring the centres that are not in favourable conditions to the standards.

- We will strengthen the service capacity of FHCs by increasing the number and diversity of health personnel.

- We will enable FHCs have a structure that provides services such as basic health services, chronic disease follow-up, periodic controls, and Early Cancer Diagnosis Clinics services.

- We will not have any individuals who are left behind and children who are not screened.

- At the beginning of each education term, we will have our students undergo a health examination at the Family Health Centres.
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• We will make premarital health screening free of charge and add genetic diseases to the screenings.

• We will have a national action and registry system in place to ensure more effective implementation of premarital genetic carrier and new-born screening and testing programmes are carried out for early detection and gaining access to proven treatments for genetic diseases such as SMA, muscle and metabolic diseases, Down Syndrome, Cystic Fibrosis, Sickle Cell Anaemia and Thalassemia.

• We will fight cancer through a holistic approach, expand screening programmes for early diagnosis throughout the country, and implement special incentive programmes for R&D and technological initiatives that contribute to the early diagnosis and treatment of cancer.

• We will establish regionalized perinatal centres where maternal and infant health monitoring can be further advanced by making it safer and more widespread, and where advanced examination and treatment methods can be undertaken for the pregnant and the children.

• We will include the HPV vaccine in the reimbursement system by including it in the vaccine schedule determined by the Ministry of Health in an attempt to protect the young girls and women from cervical cancer and genital warts.

• We will ensure that Continuous Glucose Monitoring devices are provided to patients free of charge in an attempt to increase the effectiveness of treatment especially in childhood diabetes.

• We will revise and implement the National Healthy Eating and Active Life Program to prevent childhood obesity and launch exclusive programmes at pre-school, primary and secondary school levels.

• We will organize social awareness campaigns on the risk factors (inadequate and unbalanced diet, physical inactivity, tobacco consumption, harmful alcohol use) determined by the World Health Organization, alongside healthy life, and health literacy, and adopt risk mitigation policies.

• We will update and implement programmes such as the National Diabetes Prevention and Control Program to combat the obesity epidemic and to reduce risk factors that cause the development of chronic diseases such as diabetes and cardiovascular diseases.

• We will increase the number of Oral and Dental Health Centres and units across the country and strengthen their technical infrastructure.

• We will diversify rehabilitation services and increase the number of social rehabilitation centres as well as medical rehabilitation centres.

• We will strengthen post-treatment patient monitoring services.
VIII. SOCIAL POLICIES

• We will increase the number of beds in psychiatry clinics in hospitals.

• We will activate Community Mental Health Centres and ensure that they provide preventative mental healthcare services as well as rehabilitation.

• We will fight against behavioural addiction (digital obesity, gaming, gambling, etc.) alongside physical and mental addiction.

• We will expand the scope of Alcohol and Substance Treatment Centres and ensure that they work in two ways as physical addiction and behavioural addiction within the framework of the “Centre for Combating Addiction”.

• We will increase the number and quality of drug addiction inpatient treatment centres.

• We will implement “MPOWER” policy package rules pursuant to “WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control” to control the spread of tobacco use; we will strengthen the implementation of the “Law on the Prevention and Control of Harms of Tobacco Products” No. 4207, ensure the effective implementation of inspections, and we will adopt globally accepted harm reduction policies in the fight against smoking in an attempt to reduce tobacco use.

• We will increase the rate of taking smart medicine and health literacy.

• We will restore the reputation healthcare personnel deserve in society by improving their working conditions, wages and personal rights and making new arrangements in additional indicators.

• We will aim to reach the OECD average in the number of healthcare personnel.

• We will reorganize the performance-based income system and increase the salary-performance ratio in favour of salary.

• We will ensure that no deductions are made from the revolving fund shares of healthcare workers during their illness.

• We will abolish the clauses restricting the physician’s treatment and the patient’s choice of physician in the Regulation on Private Hospitals and the regulation on Private Health Institutions that offer Outpatient Diagnosis and Treatment.

• We will abolish the “causal link” requirement for occupational diseases in the relevant circular for epidemic disease cases.

• We will solve the long shift problem of healthcare workers.

• We will establish the Turkish Nurses Association.
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- We will launch a ‘Homecoming’ Project for healthcare personnel who have gone abroad.
- We will open day care centres, nurseries, and study centres, taking into account shift work in an attempt to protect the family integrity of healthcare workers.
- We will provide full protective equipment suitable for the nature of the work undertaken for the healthcare workers.
- We will raise public awareness about the distinction between malpractice and complications.
- We will not let the healthcare workers to be discriminated based on their memberships to union(s) and chamber(s).
- We will ensure that the rights of patients and healthcare professionals are respected.
- We will ensure effective investigation and prosecution of cases of violence in the healthcare sector, make penalties and sanctions more deterrent, and ensure that the sentences of the offenders of crimes of violence directed at healthcare personnel do not get reduced on good time and their sentences are not remitted.
- We will uphold the life safety and professional dignity of healthcare workers.
- We will change the language of politics and implement social-awareness programmes through education and communication channels with a view to preventing professional discrediting.
- We will increase security measures wherever health services are provided.
- We will increase the communication competencies of the patient admission and referral personnel.
- We will systematically combat violence by establishing an observation mechanism that continuously investigates the root causes of each case of violence.
- We will plan the human power and education in the field of health, taking into account the demographic structure and current conditions.
- We will determine the basic criteria for the opening of colleges of medicine, pharmacy, dentistry, and other health sciences, and increase the quality and quality of education.
- We will review the opportunities offered to surgical branches that are less preferred and make improvements.
VIII. SOCIAL POLICIES

- We will increase patient psychology, communication, and similar courses in the curricula of undergraduate programmes where healthcare professionals are trained, and we will plan trainings for those working in the current system.

- We will make merit-based appointments to the organizational chart of the Ministry of Health, in decision-making and policy development roles with a multidisciplinary approach.

- We will define the job descriptions, powers and responsibilities of physicians, dentists, pharmacists, psychologists, dietitians, physiotherapists, nurses, and new health professions by renewing the Law No. 1219 on the Mode of Execution of Medicine and Medical Sciences.

- We will update the list of “occupational definitions” in the Ministry of Health.

- We will form a Health Advisory Council where all stakeholders will come together and propose solutions with a view to maintaining the health policies in a more qualified manner.

- We will provide incentives for health workers working in disadvantaged areas to stay longer in these areas.

- We will provide mobile services with well-equipped health teams in rural areas.

- We will implement regulations that determine the scope of health care services related to remote health services (tele-health, telemedicine, etc. that can be accessed 24/7), assure the requirements, the quality and patient/employee rights with an inclusive approach, based on patient benefit, in accordance with professional ethical principles and patient privacy.

- We will make legal regulations and undertake social awareness activities to ensure that emergency health services are only used for emergency cases.

- We will strengthen the physical and technical infrastructure of emergency and ambulance services and their connection with polyclinics.

- We will increase the employment rate of nurses who have the necessary professional formation to provide inpatient care.

- We will increase the number of medical secretaries.

- We will make the city hospital projects subject to technical, administrative, legal, and legislative audits, and we will do what is necessary by detecting errors, irregularities and corruption(s) during the feasibility, post-tender changes, implementation, reporting and audit stages.

- We will immediately stop the tenders of planned city hospitals and the construction of those that have not been built yet, and we will not build any new city hospitals.
• We will expand the hospitals to different regions so that we can distribute the transportation and access opportunities and patient capacity homogeneously, and we will make it out of the budget resources instead of high-capacity hospitals.

• We will reopen state hospitals, which were closed on the grounds of City Hospitals as per need analysis.

• We will ensure that independent and accredited institutions conduct quality audits in healthcare.

• We will make the necessary legislative changes to ensure that the university hospitals can create and manage their own budgets in order to solve the problems they experience in infrastructure, research, education and providing health services and transfer the necessary resources from the Central Government.

• We will reopen military hospitals and armed forces health facilities.

• We will implement the strategic roadmap that will make Turkey a country capable of making discoveries in life sciences, and increase the support provided to the centres conducting basic research and scientific research.

• We will develop a long-term incentive roadmap and action plan that will encourage the production of high-tech vaccines, drugs, blood products, devices, and materials in healthcare, and we will further support R&D studies in these areas.

• We will encourage the transfer of the idle production capacity of domestic pharmaceutical companies to the biotechnological field.

• We will transfer technology and experience by encouraging local industry and international companies operating in the field of health to establish joint ventures in biotechnology, gene, cell, and similar fields.

• We will establish reference centres for the evaluation of bioequivalence and efficacy of medicines.

• We will quickly conclude the opening of the Refik Saydam Sanitation Institute as the “Public Hygiene- Vaccine and Biotechnological Product Research and Production Centre of Turkey”.

• We will support branding in order to bring our country to an internationally competitive level in the production and export of medical devices and materials, and we will complete the requirements provided in the acquis of the European Union pertaining to obtaining CE Certificate.
VIII. SOCIAL POLICIES

• We will pave the way for companies producing medical devices and supplies to reach a level where they can trade both in the domestic and international market by solving the financial problems they are exposed to.

• We will ensure that the open tender procedure is based on open, transparent, technical specifications, and we will prevent injustice, discrimination, and favouritism by reviewing the procurement system and tender processes.

• We will begin working on the implementation of the value-based pricing/reimbursement system and build the capacity of the relevant institutions for this system.

• We will simplify the conditions related to the reimbursement of medicines and simplify bureaucratic processes and make them transparent.

• We will re-evaluate the practices of examination, prescription, medicine contribution fee and medical supplies, and solve the related problems.

• We will arrange the basic insurance package in such a way that patients can access new generation medicines and treatment processes such as smart medicine used in cancer treatment, blood diseases, rheumatic diseases, biotechnology, DNA technology, immunology and the like.

• We will review the decree on medicine prices in pharmacy to eliminate production, distribution, and sales-related problems, prevent the nonavailability of medicines and ensure financial sustainability.

• We will ensure that “Big Data” and information technologies are used effectively in all fields from preventive medicine to diagnosis, treatment and disease management, scientific research, and economic analysis, and ensure the protection the privacy of personal data.

• We will establish the data processing and governance infrastructure in a way that will enable the data to be used in fields such as scientific research, innovation, policy development, statistical studies, and licensing processes, and take high security measures for the protection of the patient data.

• We will support the development and strengthen the integration of e-Health systems such as tele-medicine, e-Pulse, e-Prescription, and Digital Hospital.

• We will enable regular updating of the health statistics and ensure instant access to the health records.

• We will establish the necessary infrastructure for the follow-up of chronic diseases and the use of advanced technological solutions for the diagnosis and treatment of rare diseases.
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- We will create a decision support system in the field of Cancer and Diabetes through effective data management, thereby increasing access to scientific studies and new generation treatments.

- We will register the special medicinal herbs unique to our country and will carry out R&D activities to develop the fields in which these plants can be used in medicine and pharmacy.

**Family and Children**

- We will prioritize protecting and preserving the family institution.

- We will focus on protective, preventive, and rehabilitative services aimed at protecting and supporting the family and solving domestic problems by increasing the number of Social Service Centres, the diversity of human resources from different disciplines and their capacities.

- We will expand counselling services such as pre-marital training, family counselling and divorce process counselling, raise accreditation standards in the field of family counselling, and increase audits on certification.

- We will add the necessary training topics for children, in particular, individual rights, personal development, family and social values and against abuse, to the curriculum according to all age levels starting from kindergartens.

- We will start parenting education at the prenatal stage and make it compulsory for all parents and prospective parents by implementing the National Parenting Education Program, and we will raise awareness of parents and raise healthier children by using Community Health Centres effectively.

- We will plan digital resources and trainings to enable the parents to access accurate and healthy information about their children’s development and health.

- We will strengthen and expand marriage assistance and support.

- We will rearrange the Child Protection Law on the basis of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, review the secondary legislation accordingly and fully implement it.

- We will take all measures against violence, sexual abuse and exploitation of children and comply with the obligations of the Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children Against Sexual Abuse and Sexual Exploitation (Lanzorete Convention).

- We will set up an independent “Children’s Rights Monitoring Committee”.
VIII. SOCIAL POLICIES

- We will ensure uncompromising enforcement of the heaviest criminal penalties on perpetrators of all forms of child abuse and those who conceal them.

- We will take under protection all children who are forced to live on the streets, work and beg.

- We will support and expand the projects and undertakings of returning to family, foster family and adoption.

- We will implement the Senior Foster Family model for children with disabilities, children over the age of three and boys.

- We will implement a foster care model for siblings and thereby preventing siblings from separating.

- We will improve the quality and quantity of caregivers in institutions providing services for children, establish a supervision system that will evaluate and inspect the services provided, and ensure that they are audited by independent auditors.

- We will create a data and information base to keep a record on the exploitation of children for the purposes of prostitution, child trafficking, and child tourism for sexual purposes, and we will take the necessary measures by determining the risk factors.

- We will establish the infrastructure that will enable the risk of neglect and abuse that children may face to be determined beforehand and ensure that the risks are addressed at the source with appropriate and timely interventions without the need for demand or application, and we will expand the reporting obligations related to the child abuse.

- We will set up a children’s emergency hotline.

- We will expand and operationalize Child Monitoring Centres.

- We will generate individualized rehabilitation programmes for juvenile delinquents and victims of crime, according to their age, gender, victimization, or delinquency type, and ensure that organizations providing services in this field specialize.

- We will provide support to children involved in crime cases through a team of social workers, psychologists, and lawyers.

- We will prioritize the reintegration of children pushed into crime through education.

- We will ensure that judges working in Juvenile Courts are selected among the members of the judiciary who have received special training in this regard.

- We will establish a separate department that will examine cases related to children at the Court of Cassation.
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• We will employ staff psychologists in the Juvenile Branches of the Police Department.

• We will establish a preventive unit against cyber-attacks targeting children in the EGM-General Directorate of Security- Cybercrime Department.

• We will expand the paediatric specialized hospitals and the paediatric outpatient clinics of the hospitals.

• We will provide food, formula, and diaper support to our 0-36 months children.

• We will encourage babies to be breastfed for at least one year.

• We will provide nursery facilities for all our children.

• We will fight against child labour in a data-driven and planned manner with the participation of relevant stakeholders.

• We will provide public employment opportunities to orphans who have to leave the orphanage when they turn 18.

• We will prevent children from being forced into marriage at an early age.

• We will work in cooperation with the media in order to prevent publications/broadcastings that violate the personal rights of children, especially those of victimized children, to ensure that they are not exposed to the entire society and be victimized for the second time.

Women

• We will restructure the Ministry of Family and Social Services as the “Ministry of Women, Family and Children”.

• We will use egalitarian language in laws and secondary legislation.

• We will carry out activities that will protect the rights of women and girls, which are guaranteed by law, within the family, and support the sharing of responsibilities in the family by both sexes.

• We will include courses on human rights, gender equality, family life and roles in the family starting from the first grade of primary school.

• We will implement the necessary regulations to prevent sexist discourses in the written and visual media and to eradicate the sexist discourses in spoken language.

• We will remove the language and visuals of violence from living spaces.
VIII. SOCIAL POLICIES

- We will follow a policy that will support women's participation in decision-making and management processes in parliament, local governments, political parties, and public institutions based on gender equality, increase women's representation, and prioritize the protection of women's rights.

- We will create new, qualified, and registered job opportunities for women through active labour force policies sensitive to gender equality, harmonious education system and incentive mechanisms.

- We will uphold the principle of equal pay for equal work.

- We will take measures to ensure a balance between working life and private life in accordance with international standards.

- We will increase the efficiency of elderly and disabled care services and increase the participation of women in the workforce by increasing and expanding the services of qualified, safe, and close-by nursery, full-time or after-school activity centres.

- We will arrange flexible and hybrid working models that will keep women in employment through implementing a fair and secure system compatible with the social security system; we will ensure that women are safe in matters such as working conditions, wages, leave, compensation, and job security.

- We will provide incentives to the institutions and organizations employing the women returning to working life following the maternity leave and could not return to work within the legal period or had to quit their jobs.

- We will remove sexist questions in recruitment.

- We will reduce the rate of women in informal employment and increase the rate of women covered by social security by eliminating the gaps in the legislation and undertaking effective inspections.

- We will diversify and expand vocational training, digital and technical skills trainings that will support women's employment.

- We will provide women with the skills of the future through life-long education programmes, and we will ensure the dissemination of online trainings for women who do not have the opportunity to participate in the trainings physically.

- We will make the consultancy services of İSKUR- Turkish Employment Agency- and Private Employment Offices easily accessible to women and strengthen the job placement capacities of these institutions.

- We will make the necessary arrangements to overcome the glass ceiling (promotion barriers) problem.
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• We will fight against mobbing practices (verbal, physical and psychological harassment) faced by women in working life effectively and protect women.

• We will increase women’s financial, digital, and regulatory literacy.

• We will pave the way for women’s entrepreneurship by strengthening and differentiating the supports and incentives we will provide in relation to entrepreneurship and employment in a way that will benefit women.

• We will provide incentives for women to be more involved in both subsistence agriculture and new agriculture based on productivity and innovation.

• We will ensure the empowerment of women in all cooperatives regardless of the type of cooperative taking into account the ILO’s Recommendation No. 193 on the Promotion of Cooperatives.

• We will provide guidance to women in accessing micro-credit, funds, angel investors and other affordable financial resources.

• We will direct women to production by organizing skill courses for women living in rural areas according to the needs of the region and providing the necessary space for them to market the local products.

• We will use public procurement effectively to support women entrepreneurs.

• We will endeavour to inspire successful women.

• We will make arrangements to ensure that women’s health follow-ups are carried out regularly, starting from the prenatal period until the end of their lives within the scope of preventive health services.

• We will offer trainings on women’s health, reproductive health, family planning, and gynaecological diseases in health centres at regular intervals.

• We will provide health services to women and children with disabilities free of charge, on-site if needed.

• We will offer all preventive health services free of charge, including the HPV vaccine, which prevents cervical cancer of girls entering puberty.

• We will develop health policies that prioritize not only the physical health of women, but also their mental health.

• We will operationalize the Women’s Data and Information System and prepare “risk maps” taking the region and demographic structure into account.
VIII. SOCIAL POLICIES

• We will launch a Social Fight Campaign to stop Violence Against Women and undertake effective solutions under the theme of “Prevention, Protection, Prosecution and Support Policies” related to all forms of violence.

• We will combat violence against women effectively and implement the provisions of international conventions and national legislation in order to prevent violence in an effective manner.

• We will ensure that the penalties are deterrent in an attempt to prevent violence against women, prevent the conversion of penalties into alternative sanctions, revisit the grounds for reducing the criminal sentence(s) in acts of violence against women, and ensure the immediate execution of the penalties for these acts.

• We will establish a separate criminal unit at the Court of Cassation alongside specially authorized courts that address the cases of violence against women.

• We will protect the privacy of women who are victims of violence in legal processes and prevent them from being victimized again.

• We will establish “Women’s Legal Advisory Units” at the governorship, district governorship and municipalities, and establish the necessary mechanisms for cooperation with relevant institutions.

• We will encourage the establishment of a Women’s Rights Centre in Bar Associations.

• We will ensure that all prosecutors, judges, and those working in judicial institutions receive special training on violence against women, and that there are teams with at least one woman trained in domestic violence in all police stations.

• We will support the family in multiple ways, identify the possibility of deprivation and violence against women, and take the necessary measures through the neighbourhood-based follow-up system and social service specialists.

• We will implement the “single door system” that will enable victims of violence to take protective measures quickly, without being stuck in red tape.

• We will establish a system that will enable hospitals, family medicine practices, schools, bar associations, social service centres and law enforcement forces to work in communication and cooperation in the detection and notification of cases of violence.

• We will create an institutional struggle network through Women’s Legal Counselling Units, Violence Prevention and Monitoring Centres, shelters, sexual violence crisis centres and 24/7 working, user-friendly, multilingual, faster, and more effective “violence” hotline in an attempt to fight violence against women.
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• We will improve the service capacity of units that provide services to victims of violence, particularly shelters, and ensure that these units employ experienced personnel to address the needs of disabled women.

• We will cover moving and sheltering costs of victims of violence, poor women and children receiving social support, alongside providing them psychological and psychosocial support. Further, we will offer vocational training opportunities to help unemployed women find a job.

• We will ensure that preventive and educational trainings to stop violence against women are offered as of primary school.

• We will make our cities safe for women through lightening the streets, increasing the transportation distance, and increasing fixed and mobile cameras and similar practices.

• We will reduce the tax burden on basic feminine hygiene products.

• We will ensure that women working in the public and private sectors are granted administrative leave on March 8, International Women’s Day.

>Youth

• We will establish a database within the Ministry of Youth and Sports in which information related to the young people’s education, employment status, marital status and other information can be found.

• We will prepare the National Youth Strategy.

• We will start working on establishing a United Nations Youth Centre in Istanbul.

• We will cover the expenses of stationery, bags, and clothes in education period of young people in need.

• We will give a culture card to young people to enable them to benefit from cultural and artistic activities free of charge until the age of 25.

• We will provide free access to 5 GB of internet per month for all students and young people.

• We will issue passports to the youth free of charge, and we will not charge departure fees when they go abroad.

• We will increase the amount of Credit and Dormitories Institution (KYK) loans and scholarships.
VIII. SOCIAL POLICIES

• We will extend the non-repayment period of 2 years for the Credit and Dormitories Institution (KYK) loans, postpone payments for those left unemployed while payments continue, and arrange the monthly instalment payments so that they will not exceed a reasonable proportion of monthly income.

• We will offer students the option of paying their Credit and Dormitories Institution (KYK) loans in a short time by working on social responsibility projects thus we will minimize the negative effects of paying KYK loans on their lives.

• We will keep KYK dormitory fees to a minimum, add the amount of dormitory fees to the loans they receive upon their request, and create a 20 percent free quota for students in need.

• We will offer accommodation support at the rate of KYK dormitory fee for students who cannot enrol in KYK or university dormitories.

• We will offer healthy, nutritious, and delicious meals in the dormitories free of charge.

• We will improve the conditions of KYK Dormitories, particularly in terms of health, comfort, security, privacy, socialization, working environment, library, computer room and personal development.

• We will offer fast, quota-free, and free internet service in the dormitories.

• We will design state dormitories that are not located in the universities as multi-faceted campuses, in which there are cinema-theatre halls, sports centres, areas such as cafes, walking paths, small hobby gardens where students can spend time together as the location permits.

• We will put an end to expulsions for political reasons.

• We will effectively inspect private student dormitories and ensure their full compliance with the relevant legislation.

• We will support youth employment by strengthening and differentiating the grants, taxes, premiums, loans, other financing, and similar incentives we will provide to increase employment in favour of young people.

• We will support the establishment of a “City Career Centre” within local governments, to which companies and all young people between the ages of 15-24 can become members, and which will bring young people together with job and internship opportunities.

• We will support the opening of Young Talent Management Centres, which will provide talent management and career coaching services for young people within local governments.
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- We will establish Trainee Talent Management Units so that young people doing internships in the public sector gain maximum skills and competence during their internship periods.

- We will establish Vocational Academies that support continuous and on-the-job training in cooperation with universities for young people aged 15-25 who do not hold the chances/inclination to get enrolled in a university.

- We will encourage the establishment of youth cooperatives.

- We will support the initiatives of young people in the field of food, agriculture, and animal husbandry, expand the definition of Young Farmer to enable that more young people benefit from these incentives, and we will provide ecological literacy training to young farmers.

- We will raise the number youth centres and make them more functional through study rooms, internet, cafes, and libraries, thereby increasing the number of places where young people can access all kinds of information on village and neighbourhood basis.

- We will support the psycho-social needs of young people through free and accessible services, create a 24/7 Youth Support Line, and strengthen this service through online and face-to-face psycho-social support.

- We will add courses covering healthy attachment, addiction, depression, coping with anxiety and similar fields to the education curriculum so that young people can maintain their mental well-being.

- We will support events by removing the actual bans on spring festivals at universities.

- We will support university student clubs.

- We will create summer camps, student facilities in touristic areas, and areas where young people can take a one-week vacation during the summer period.

- We will establish “Youth NGOs Incubation Centres” which provide facilities such as offices, meeting and conference halls for NGOs engaging with the youth, and we will provide in-kind and cash support to strengthen the solidarity networks of youth NGOs and communities.

- We will configure public libraries as active centres of attraction for cultural and artistic activities, launch the “24 Hour-Library” application, and remove the time barrier in transportation and library facilities.

- We will support young people’s social entrepreneurship, social responsibility and volunteering activities and projects.

- We will offer childcare and elderly care training to unemployed youth.
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- We will expand art workshops in formal education institutions and ensure that the pass/fail evaluation system is employed instead of the numerical grading system in art classes.

- We will activate the Youth Assemblies affiliated to the Provincial Councils and ensure that the members are elected by the youth living in that province.

- We will establish the Turkey Youth Assembly/Platform by promoting the participation of young people from all the regions of Turkey.

- We will increase the representation of young people in Parliament, local governments, and the decision-making mechanisms of political parties, particularly at public institutions’ middle and upper management levels.

**Sports**

- We will establish a General Directorate for Talent Tracking and Development under the Ministry of Youth and Sports.

- We will increase the number of graduates of the Faculty of Sports Sciences within the organization of the Ministry.

- We will ensure that sports facilities are allocated to the use of the students and sports clubs during the day through agreements between the schools, the ministry, and provincial/district municipalities.

- We will increase investments into facilities through joint projects undertaken by the Ministry and local administrations and include work in concert with federations in large infrastructure investments.

- We will attach importance on the construction of full-fledged indoor and outdoor facilities which can be used by people of all ages in every neighbourhood, ensure that these facilities are easily accessible and open throughout the day. We will make the necessary arrangements for the allocation of suitable treasury land to the relevant municipalities for the construction of these sports facilities.

- We will construct practical and natural sports fields.

- We will ensure that sufficient and senior staff (trainers, sports psychologists, masseurs, physiotherapists, etc.) are employed in the sports facilities.

- We will reduce the tax burden on sports equipment.

- We will expand the syllabuses of the physical education courses, make it practical, ensure that it is given by physical education and sports branch teachers, and remove it from the
status of a course used in activities other than its purposes starting from pre-school education.

• We will establish effective mechanisms for the identification, recording and monitoring of children's tendencies towards “team sports and individual sports”, their skills and abilities.

• We will add “Lifelong Sport and Health” course to the curriculum.

• We will render sports specialized high schools much more active and functional.

• We will develop and encourage Colleges of Sports Sciences.

• We will prepare permanent and sustainable projects in cooperation with the Colleges of Sports Sciences Deans Council.

• We will provide ‘career’ training to athletes to enable them to reintegrate into the labour market following their sports career.

• We will make arrangements to open Turkish Olympic and Paralympic Games Preparation Centres in all regions in cooperation with the relevant ministries, to increase the number of relevant sports branches according to the regional conditions, and to support sports federations and compulsory education and training institutions by increasing the number of the trainers and other auxiliary personnel.

• We will make strategic plans for the Olympics in all branches and facilitate the sponsorship conditions of the private sector.

• We will promote the private sector to invest in sports and athletes.

• We will spread and encourage the success-award system to all individual and amateur sports.

• We will amend the award regulation to ensure that athletes, trainers, technical staff, and affiliated clubs are rewarded in a more effective and encouraging way.

• We will increase scholarship opportunities for young athletes.

• We will eliminate the situations that prevent disabled citizens from participating in life and sports, and further strengthen sports therapy activities.

• We will ensure that the Ministry, Ministry of National Education, and related federations play a more active role in furthering the interest of students in sports by increasing the number of matching cases and branches in school sports.

• We will create local, regional, and national competitive league organizations in all team sports in secondary and high schools, and we will ensure that training fees are paid to the
schools for the athletes transferred to the leagues or professional teams of the competitive leagues.

- We will organize free sports events in socio-economically disadvantaged neighbourhoods in cooperation with local governments and provide scholarships to enable that young people in these neighbourhoods are trained professionally.

- We will increase the number of youth camps affiliated with the Ministry of Youth and Sports and undertake efforts to expand these camps in all provinces.

- We will train positive youth leaders who have included healthy lifestyle and sports in their daily lives, and we will encourage youth leaders to be active on social media where young people are most active.

- We will support the increase of the brand value of competitive leagues and ensure that high quality human resource is raised on sports finance and law for sports clubs.

- We will promote sustainable and innovative insurance and financing models in the sports industry.

- We will put an end to political interference in the presidential elections of federations, ensure that the elections are held democratically, make the federations fully autonomous, and put an end to political nepotism in the federations and all kinds of kinship relations.

- We will put an end to political staffing and all kinds of kinship relations in federations.

- We will raise the number of national and field athletes within the Sports Federations.

- We will render the incomes and expenses of the federations transparent.

- We will support the of sports managers and coaches in taking foreign language courses to ensure that can follow the developments in their fields and train themselves accordingly.

- We will make our country a leader in the field of sports tourism by promoting hosting international sports organizations in cooperation with the relevant ministries.

- We will implement the necessary regulations, support and incentives in technical infrastructure, the investments made in this field, training, trainer training, fairs and exhibitions, support of successful athletes and similar areas in an attempt to strengthen the e-Sports sector.

- We will implement the necessary regulations in order to eliminate the problems experienced in the e-sports sector due to the inadequacy in the legislation and to prevent bullying, cheating, and match-fixing in the sector.

- We will hold e-sports championships in Turkey.
Combating Drugs

• We will ensure that the High Council of Combating Addiction meets regularly every two months and determines policies and targets for combating drugs, and effectively monitors and evaluates the implications of implementation.

• We will prepare an Emergency Action Plan for Combating Drugs and develop drug-related social risk maps for the provinces.

• We will create a comprehensive database on drug trafficking.

• We will combat the production, trade, and consumption of drugs multidimensionally by cooperating on a national and international scale.

• We will create ‘Regional Offices’ covering a few of the countries that are the source countries.

• We will have officers combating drugs in certain countries in an attempt to monitor and prevent drugs directed towards our country.

• We will increase cooperation on sharing intelligence with the source and route countries in drug smuggling activities targeting our country.

• We will prevent drug lords and members of an organized crime organization from carrying out activities in our country.

• We will maximize the current information and intelligence sharing with the relevant units of the General Directorate of Security, the Gendarmerie General Command, and the Coast Guard Command, and raise both the number and success level of the operations to be undertaken at sea.

• We will reinforce the Coast Guard Command in terms of personnel equipment acquired.

• We will complete the Coastal Surveillance Radar System Project carried out by the Coast Guard Command, which has not yet finalized yet, in the shortest time possible, and we will ensure the implementation of effective control and surveillance mechanisms on our maritime borders.

• We will complete the firewall works at our borders, secure our borders by supplementing satellite systems, drones, and law enforcement, and prevent the illegal immigrants’ carrying drugs to our country.

• We will ensure that additional X-RAY devices are installed in cargo storage centres in the provinces where drug trafficking via cargo is intense.
• We will increase the number of anti-drug personnel and narcotic dogs at the border gates.

• We will ensure that municipalities either secure or demolish abandoned and derelict buildings in cities.

• We will increase the number of cameras and security guards within the scope of security.

• We will prohibit the toleration, recommendation, production, possession, transportation, trade, and use of addictive substances.

• We will combat the media and social media content encouraging the use of drugs in the national and international arena effectively, and we will meticulously monitor marketing activities through social media.

• We will ensure that civilian narco-teams are on duty at schools and their immediate surroundings during school hours and lunch breaks with a view to saving young people from drug gangs.

• We will enable individuals with a history of addiction to acquire a profession and coordinate with local administrations, İŞ-KUR- Turkish Employment Agency, Employment Offices and Public Education Centres to this end.

• We will create free public spaces for children, youth, and families, especially in risky areas.

• We will at least double the penalties for drug or chemical drug dealers selling to youth under 18 and to youth pursuing their education. We will ensure that the sentences of the offenders of drug-related crimes do not get reduced on good time and their sentences are not remitted.

• We will carry out intensive, effective, and continuous activities to inform families and raise their awareness in cooperation with all public institutions and organizations, municipalities, non-governmental organizations, administrators working in educational institutions, teachers, and family members.

• We will encourage voluntary participation in the combat against drugs, and we will encourage the voluntary participation of retired security personnel and mukhtars and the treated former substance users.

• We will rapidly increase the rate of kindergarten schooling, which has proven highly preventive in combatting drugs, to 100%, particularly in the peripheries of the cities.

• We will ensure that all cases of substance use monitoring and rehabilitation are followed up till the end in provinces.

• We will restructure the Probation Directorates in the provinces according to the processes of ‘treatment, rehabilitation, social cohesion and employment’.
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- We will renovate AMATEMs (Alcohol and Substance Addiction Treatment Centre) and ÇE-
  MATEMs (Substance Addiction Treatment Centre for Children and Adolescents) according 
  to current conditions and strengthen their infrastructure, equipment, beds, and personnel 
  and make them operational in 81 provinces.

- We will continue to support individuals who are treated in AMATEM and CEMATEMs or 
  during their sentences socially and spiritually after treatment, empower them profession-
  ally to join the workforce and production, and we will continue to monitor them for a longer 
  period of time.

- We will establish an addiction-fighting centre in 7 regions of our country, 1 in each, having 
  medical treatment, rehabilitation, hobby and vocational training programmes.

- We will allocate 5% of the Community Benefit Work Programs to enable the substance 
  users in the rehabilitation process join the workforce.

- We will control alternative drug-free addiction treatment centres and provide social sup-
  port and advanced rehabilitation opportunities to both these centres and the families of the 
  substance users whose relatives are treated in these centres.

- We will increase the number of social workers who will work in the field of substance ad-
  diction, and we will ensure that social workers provide active support to both patients and 
  the families of substance users in returning to normal life following the addiction.

- We will ensure that the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of National Education and the Min-
  istry of Youth and Sports publish a field report on substance abuse once a year.
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**Foreign Policy**

- We will adopt the slogan of “Peace at Home, Peace in the World”, the cornerstone of our foreign policy, as our fundamental foreign policy principle.

- The main target of our foreign policy will be to pursue our national interest and national security, and we will make strategic planning that includes short, medium, and long-term future perspectives in line with this understanding.

- We will pursue a foreign policy that upholds international law and is based on universal values, and we will base this policy on the understanding of mutual respect for the territorial integrity and sovereignty of our countries, particularly of our neighbours, non-interference in their internal affairs, peaceful settlement of disputes through diplomacy and dialogue.

- We will put an end to practices based on domestic political calculations and ideological approaches in foreign policy.

- We will also draw on the principles expressed in our Constitution in our foreign policy practices.

- We will regain the respect that Turkey deserves in its region and across the world, and we will render our country a reliable, strong, and effective international actor.

- We will implement the principle of reciprocity that provides equality to everyone in the international arena, and we will put an end to double standard practices by not differentiating between different countries.

- We will reinstate the role and duty of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in foreign policy making decisions and practices.

- We will restructure the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in line with the needs and realities of the 21st century.

- We will bring a comprehensive examination system to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which is objective, reliable, away from political preferences, based on competence and merit.

- We will ensure that our missions abroad are established, equipped, and maintained in accordance with foreign policy requirements.

- We will make the appointments based on objective criteria so that career advancement and merit will be rendered essential in the appointments of mission chiefs abroad, and these appointments will not affect the institutional structure and traditions.

- We will operationalize mechanisms that will ensure that the contributions of academic circles, universities, think tanks and NGOs to foreign policy are taken into account.
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• We will provide the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with the budget and human resources that will enable it to undertake the activities it is expected to carry out in a proper manner.

• We will uphold the rights and interests of our citizens living abroad, preserve the humanitarian and cultural ties of our people of Turkish origin with the Motherland, and offer solutions to the problems of kin and related communities on the grounds of human rights and maintain these principles among our main foreign policy objectives.

• We will strive to make for our citizens living abroad and the NGOs they establish to be Turkey’s soft power and effective public diplomacy tools.

• We will establish an Academy of Diplomacy under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

• We will consider relations with international organizations as a strategic tool that is strengthened through membership or other mechanisms, with an understanding that attaches importance on multilateral diplomacy, to the extent that it is compatible with its nature and our foreign policy objectives.

• We will make it one of our priority policies for our citizens to take part in positions that require expertise in the secretariats of international organizations to the extent possible and at the highest level possible.

• Our goal is full membership to the European Union.

• We will endeavour to complete the full membership process within the framework of dialogue, justice, and equality.

• We will prioritize and finalize the visa liberalization process for the EU countries.

• We will adapt to the Green Deal target.

• We will ensure that the board established for the protection of personal data is fully competent and independent.

• We will resolve the disagreements between Turkey and the EU for the modernization of the Customs Union.

• We will ensure that Turkey and the EU approach the refugee problem with shared responsibility and burden sharing, and we will review the 2014 Readmission Agreement and the 18 March 2016 Agreement.

• As a founding member of the Council of Europe and as required by our Constitution, we will comply with the ECHR and its other legal documents and implement the decisions of the ECHR.
• NATO is of critical importance in terms of the deterrence it provides for our national security.

• We will continue to offer our contribution to NATO on a rational basis and with our national interests in mind.

• We will restore our relations with our neighbours and countries in our immediate basin and increase cooperation to the most advanced and forward level.

• We will be a leading country in undertaking multilateral initiatives that will improve peace, stability, and cooperation in Turkey’s neighbouring geography.

• We will strengthen the Organization of Turkic States.

• We will improve our position in organizations such as the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization, the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, the Organization of Economic Cooperation, and the D8 and the role of these organizations in international relations.

• We will respect the independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity of the countries in the region, not interfere in their internal affairs, and will endeavour to “facilitate solutions” rather than “taking sides” in the problems between them.

• We will meet with all relevant parties to find a permanent solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict within the framework of UN resolutions and based on the principle of two states. We will also ensure that Turkey takes its place at the table as a reliable facilitator on the Palestinian issue.

• We will further strengthen our brotherly ties with Azerbaijan based on the principle of mutual trust.

• We will steadfastly continue to take steps aimed at solving the Turkish Armenian conflict.

• We will contribute to the transformation of the ceasefire between Azerbaijan and Armenia into a lasting peace.

• We will prevent Turkey’s isolation in the Eastern Mediterranean and prioritize achieving results through multiple negotiation processes in the delimitation of maritime jurisdiction areas and the fair sharing of hydrocarbon resources.

• Cyprus is our national cause.

• We will pursue the objectives of protecting the acquired rights of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus and the Turkish Cypriots and ensuring the sovereign political equality of the two communities to find a just and lasting solution to our national cause, the Cyprus problem.
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- The Aegean Sea should be seen as an area of peace, cooperation, and good neighbourliness. We will work to achieve this goal, and we will not allow any development that may harm our sovereignty areas in the Aegean Sea.

- We will resolve unresolved issues between Turkey and Greece through diplomacy, dialogue, and result-oriented negotiations, based on international law and equity, without compromising Turkey’s national interests.

- We will place the relations with the USA on an institutional basis with an understanding between equals and advance the relationship of alliance based on mutual trust.

- We will take initiatives for Turkey to return to the F-35 project.

- We will maintain relations with the Russian Federation with an understanding that both parties are equal and strengthened by balanced and constructive dialogue at the institutional level.

- We will develop high quality relations with Africa in many ways beyond merely seeing the continent as an area where we open representative office(s) and turn Turkey-Africa Summits into a regular and functional process.

- We will build our “Asia vision” on strengthening our relations with the countries in the region at the bilateral level and enriching these bilateral relations by diversifying them through multiple cooperation mechanisms.

- We will evaluate our relations with organizations such as the Shanghai Cooperation Organization and ASEAN on a realistic and sustainable basis.

**National Defence**

- Our main goal is to make the Turkish Armed Forces – TAF a reputable, deterrent, and effective military force that has solved all kinds of capacity and competence-related problems in the face of risks and threats, is subject to democratic control and surveillance.

- We will equip our army with high-tech systems to carry out the assigned tasks and strengthen intelligence, reconnaissance, strike power and other operational capabilities.

- We will rely on competence and merit in the strategic corporate management of the TAF, and in the training and promotion of personnel.

- We will establish a structure in which qualification, merit and objective criteria will be taken as a basis in the decisions made by the Military Council.

- We will strengthen the number of personnel having critical expertise in terms of quantity and quality.
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• We will manage major defence procurement projects in a manner that does not interfere with the country’s foreign policy, in accordance with the concrete security environment and requirements, without disturbing the structure and planning of force.

• We will reopen the military high schools, the military academies, all schools that train staff officers, officers and non-commissioned officers, and the effective systems that have been abolished.

• We will review the organizational structure of the Ministry of National Defence and reconnect the Force Commands to the General Staff.

• We will strengthen the coordination and cooperation between the Ministries of National Defence and Interior and the General Staff, Land Forces Command, Air Force Command, Naval Forces Command, Gendarmerie General Command and Coast Guard Command.

• We will show special sensitivity to combat hybrid warfare methods, and we will create an independent institutionalization in order to ensure continuous technological update and capacity increase in this regard.

Security and Combating Terrorism

• We will organize a comprehensive Security Council every year with the participation of the representatives of security institutions, academics, non-governmental organizations, professional chambers, and all relevant parties.

• We will review the internal, external, technical, defence and security intelligence functions in the light of the decisions and recommendations to be made at the Security Council.

• We will continue the combat all terrorist organizations and terrorism without any interruption by using all our power elements.

• We will carry out the fight against terrorism within the law as a requirement of the rule of law, paying maximum attention to the balance of security and freedom, through rational methods, with the contribution of socio-economic measures, with an understanding that prioritizes exterminating the sources of terrorism, and with a sound data-driven approach in fields such as psychology, sociology, criminology, and victimology.

• We will increase cooperation with the neighbouring countries, other states, and international institutions in coordination with the relevant institutions on Foreign Terrorist Fighters, human and drug trafficking, cybercrime, and migration mobility.

• We will make effective use of the tools of public diplomacy and tools of diplomatic struggle to combat the countries that help terrorist organizations, we will explain our arguments in
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this field in various levels, from the level of individuals to the states in a multidimensional way, and we will render the sources of disinformation ineffective.

• We will actively work on the extradition of terrorists who have fled abroad.

• We will strengthen regional and international cooperation on the cross-border activities of organized crime groups.

• We will strengthen awareness, cooperation, and solidarity against the use of terrorist organizations as subcontractors on the international platform.

• We will fortify our borders by making use of technological means, in order to be able to stop the terrorists cross our borders.

• We will pursue an approach that takes the documents and resolutions adopted by international organizations such as the United Nations, the Council of Europe and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe into account in combatting terrorism.

• We will regularly monitor the legal framework in line with FATF recommendations for the effective implementation of UNSC resolutions.

• We will exterminate the external financial resources of terrorism in cooperation with the other countries and international institutions, within the framework of agreements on the prevention of money laundering and financing of terrorism.

• We will take holistic measures and struggle against military, economic, socio-cultural risks, and threats, particularly in general warfare, terrorism, energy and cyber security in national defence and security.

• We will expand the implementation of the community-supported security system in our country and ensure that the community establishes a strong cooperation with the police in ensuring its own safety.

• We will maximize the capacity and capability of the security units and equip the security forces with the necessary information and technology, taking the different aspects and international dimension of security and the fight against terrorism into account.

• We will improve the personnel rights and working conditions of the security forces.

• We will establish a Security Committee, above the security organization, with the equal representation of parties in the Grand National Assembly of Turkey, equipped with the authority of “ombudsmanship” on behalf of the people and the security personnel.

• We will develop a mechanism open to civil society control with the understanding of embedding the principles of transparency and accountability in security units.
We will combat arms smuggling and supply, which feeds the increasing illegal individual armament in Turkey.

We will ensure that criminal sanctions against crimes such as harassment, rape, murder, extortion, theft, and pickpocketing that threaten the peace and security of our citizens will be of deterring nature.

We will attach special importance on counter-terrorism research and establish Research Centres at universities to this end.

**Cyber Security**

We will provide institutionalization in a structure that prioritizes the coordination of public and private institutions in legislation and organization with a cyber security-exclusive law.

We will ensure that domestic legislation is compatible with EU legislation.

We will renew the National Cyber Security Strategy Document with the participation of all relevant parties and prepare action plans for the public and private sectors.

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We will seamlessly check our cybersecurity level through regular Cyber Security Coalition exercises to strengthen our cyber defence force.

We will establish a Cyber Operations Unit and a Cyber Attack Hotline.

We will work on cyber security problems in cooperation with international institutions, primarily the NATO, the European Union, the United Nations, the Council of Europe and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, and we will ensure that Turkey plays an active role in the activities related to cyber security within these organizations.

We will ensure that Turkey is classified as a ‘safe country’ in digital, in line with European Union standards.

We will constantly check our cyber security level through regular Cyber Security Coalition exercises in an attempt to strengthen our cyber defence power.

We will effectively combat crimes such as telephone and internet fraud identity theft in databases such as e-government, e-pulse, distance selling and manipulation of voter lists by establishing task forces with cyber security, judiciary, MASAK- Financial Crimes Investigation Board, BRSA- Banking Regulation and Supervision Agency, law enforcement and intelligence representatives.
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• We will ensure compliance with ethical rules, protection of individual rights and freedoms and privacy of personal data, as well as providing effective cyber security.

• We will carry out social awareness-raising activities regarding personal data security, and we will fight against violations of the Personal Data Protection and Law and set up a Data and Internet Security Line which citizens can access free of charge.

• We will impose obligations on companies providing services across the country to mask or encrypt their data, regularly monitor whether the relevant institutions and organizations that collect, process and host personal and corporate information meet the standards and suspend the licenses of institutions and organizations that do not meet the standards imposed.

• We will include cyber security training in the curriculum and will make it accessible to anyone wishing to receive such an online training.

• We will make the necessary plans for the establishment of cyber security departments in universities.

• We will pay special attention to the training of well-equipped human resources, particularly code, printer, test engineers and digital forensics experts, lawyers specializing in cyber-crimes, and cryptography mathematics.

• We will set up a Quantum and Supercomputer National Research Laboratory in an attempt to generate unbreakable encryption algorithms.

• We will establish a communication infrastructure that can meet the needs and standards of military and civilian users, and whose architecture is resistant to cyber and/or kinetic attacks and expand it to the farthest corners of our country.

• We will create a public informatics secure cloud system that will standardize the informatics functions to be used in public systems, spread new applications such as artificial intelligence, and include backup, business continuity and disaster prevention solutions so that software can operate on a secure infrastructure, and the data be stored in Turkey.

• We will create a tested and reusable software module library open to public and private sector use.

• We will, first and foremost, develop “open source” operating systems with strengthened cyber security cores to be used in public servers or desktop public systems, and we will gradually make their use in critical areas mandatory following the tests.
migration and asylum seeker policies

- We will restructure the institutions related to asylum seekers, primarily the Presidency of Migration Management, and strengthen their management and personnel setups.

- We will review the Law No. 6458 on Foreigners and International Protection, as well as its related regulations.

- We will establish International Protection Status Determination Centres.

- We will develop participatory migration policies and programmes with all stakeholders.

- We will establish Training/Research Centres to conduct studies on migration and asylum seekers.

- We will regularly publicise data and statistics on migration management, particularly on the use of resources, and ensure transparency and accountability.

- We will review the 2014 EU-Turkey Readmission Agreement, and the EU-Turkey Statement of 18 March 2016.

- We will make Readmission Agreements with the origin countries of irregular migration.

- We will review and reorganise the Turkish visa system so as not to allow for irregular migration, and either suspend or cancel the deals and agreements with countries where “short-term visa exemption” and “tourist visa” practices are exploited, in a manner that would not impair our diplomatic relations.

- We will take effective, strong, and proactive initiatives to find global solutions on the issue of migration and asylum seekers, starting from cooperation with the affected region countries.

- We will not allow Turkey to be treated as a “buffer country”.

- We will pay special attention to and prioritize the control of mass migration to Turkey, in the country of origin.

- We will fortify our borders with electro-optic towers, lighting systems, night vision cameras, unmanned aerial vehicles, integrated security systems and, when necessary, with walls; and we will by no means allow illegal crossings.

- We will ensure that the admission, repatriation, and deportation procedures at all border gates are conducted adhering to standard rules.

- We will take biometric records of asylum seekers and have them processed in chip ID cards.
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- We will effectively combat trafficking in persons and instate more deterrent sentences and execution periods.

- We will increase the number and capacity of the removal centres.

- We will expedite the deportation of migrants entering Turkey without any official and publicly announced agreements and deals, to origin/third countries.

- We will limit the scope of granting exceptional citizenship by revising the relevant law and secondary legislation.

- We will put an end to the practice of acquiring Turkish citizenship through buying real estate, government bonds, investment funds or opening a foreign currency deposit account or a private pension account.

- We will thoroughly examine the past proceedings of granting citizenship, cancel the citizenships of those found to have provided false statements/information/documents, and take necessary administrative and legal actions against those found to be involved in administrative misconduct.

- We will increase the penal sanctions against businesses employing illegal immigrants.

- We will shut down the businesses of foreign nationals found to be operating without a license; and we will effectively apply the sanctions as per the relevant legislation to those who are licensed but found to be operating irregularly and/or employing unregistered workers.

- We will not allow uncontrolled settlement of asylum seekers at the neighbourhood, district, and provincial level, and we will not allow ghettoization.

- We will not allow unjustified and prolonged stay of Syrian asylum seekers under Temporary Protection and other migrants outside the provinces where they are registered.

- We will rapidly deport immigrants and asylum seekers involved in crime and block their re-entry into our country.

- We will fight against the abuse of migrant women and children.

- We will not allow illegal terrorist organizations to use education and civil society activities for asylum seekers and migrants as instruments for their own purposes.

- We will reorganize the principles of the Emergency Social Safety Net Programme for foreigners, which is funded by the EU and provided through Kızılay Card.

- We will ensure that the social assistance and solidarity funds for asylum seekers become transparent, traceable, and accountable.
• We will develop a mechanism that will enable access to education for all school age children of migrants and asylum seekers and provide accelerated courses and catch-up courses.

• We will ensure the development of specific high-quality training materials, curricula, and teaching programmes in order for asylum seekers to learn Turkish language.

• We will reorganize the international student programme, country quotas and examination systems, review the equivalence procedures, and prevent the exploitation of education track.

• We will review the employment and residence conditions of foreign students during or after their education, and we will introduce special terms.

• We will ensure that domestic or foreign civil society organizations providing assistance to asylum seekers perform their activities in close cooperation and coordination with central and local governments, and we will conduct necessary oversight effectively.

• We will support the budgets of municipalities in proportion to the asylum seekers and irregular migrants they host.

• We will effectively handle the migration and asylum seeker problem, and in the meantime, we will carry out public awareness raising activities to combat misinformation and prejudices against asylum-seekers.

• We will ensure that the Syrians under Temporary Protection return to their country as soon as possible safely and in accordance with domestic and international law.

• We will conduct the repatriation proceedings in close cooperation with the Syrians under temporary protection in our country, the Syrian government, and the international institutions.

• We will share the burden and responsibility with other countries in the repatriation of Syrian asylum seekers and irregular migrants in Turkey.

• We will initiate extensive contact and dialogue efforts with all relevant parties representing various segments of the Syrian people, and the Damascus government, except for terrorist groups, in order to put an end to the suffering of the Syrian people with whom we share historical ties, and to build lasting peace in the framework of UN resolutions.

• We will support the UN political solution efforts, primarily the resolution No 2254, with the aim of ensuring peace in Syria, protecting the territorial integrity of Syria and the repatriation of refugees; we will initiate a bilateral and multilateral diplomacy movement and enhance direct contacts with all countries and stakeholders.
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- We will assume an active role in the restoration of infrastructure and superstructure damaged in the war by utilising international funding facilities as well.

- We will support Turkish businesspeople taking part in the reconstruction of Syria and their investments in Syria.

- We will support the establishment of the necessary monitoring, follow-up, and oversight mechanisms in cooperation with regional and international organizations, primarily the United Nations Refugee Agency, for the safety of life and property of the returnees, recognition of all their rights, and restitution of obtained rights.