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Appointment of Mr. Burhanettin AKTAŞ as Vice President to the Economic Cooperation Trade and Development Bank (ETDB)

Mr. Burhanettin AKTAŞ was appointed as the “Vice President” of the ETDB at the 54th Board of Directors Meeting, held on 1 June 2015. Following the appointment to his new position, Mr. Aktaş took office at the Headquarters of the Bank in İstanbul, as of 22 October 2015.

Before the appointment as the Vice President of the ETDB, Mr. Burhanettin Aktaş served as the Deputy Undersecretary of Turkish Treasury since August 2003.

Mr Burhanettin Aktaş was born in 1965 in Sivas, Turkey. He graduated from the Department of Labor Economics and Industrial Relations of the Faculty of Political Sciences at Ankara University in 1987. He started his professional life as a Treasury Controller in the Undersecretariat of the Turkish Treasury in 1987.

Mr Aktaş studied in International Economics at the Institute of Social Sciences in Gazi University in 1995 and 1996. Then, he studied Public Administration at Carnegie Mellon University, H. John Heinz School of Public Policy between 1998 and 2000 where he earned his Master’s degree.

In 1998, Mr Aktaş was appointed as a Senior Treasury Controller and he served as the Vice President of the Board of Treasury Controllers from 2001 to 2002.

In 2002, he studied International Auditing and Accounting Standards in the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Scotland for three months. In the same year, he also attended a course on "Anti-Money Laundering" in Federal Bureau of Investigation in the U.S.

Between November 2002 and August 2003, Mr Aktaş served as an advisor to the Minister of State in charge of the Treasury. Since August 2003 up to 22 October 2015, Mr Aktaş worked as the Deputy Undersecretary of the Turkish Treasury. During his tenure as the Deputy Undersecretary of the Turkish Treasury, Mr Aktaş was in charge of Directorate General of State-Owned Enterprises, Directorate General of Insurance and Directorate General of Financial Sector Relations and Exchange as well as Strategy Development Department.
In 2003, Mr Aktaş worked as a member of the Audit Committee in Turk Telekom, for one year. Between the years of 2004 and 2012, he served as a member of the Board of Directors of Ziraat Bank. In 2012, Mr Aktaş became a member of the Board of Directors of Istanbul Stock Exchange for one year.

Mr. Aktaş has also served as a member of the Internal Audit Coordination Board since March 2004.

Mr. Aktaş is married with three children and speaks English.