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Mr. Yaşar YAKIŞ	Co-Chairman	AK Parti (JDP)	Düzce
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Mr. Onur ÖYMEN	Vice Co-Chairman	CHP (RPP)	Bursa
Ms. Fazilet DAĞCI ÇIĞLIK	Vice Co-Chairman	AK Parti(JDP)	Erzurum
Mr. Osman ÇAKIR	Vice Co-Chairman	MHP (NMP)	Samsun
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Mr. Cüneyt YÜKSEL	Member	AK Parti (JDP)	Mardin
Mr. Afif DEMİRKIRAN	Member	AK Parti (JDP)	Siirt
Ms. Çağla AKTEMUR ÖZYAVUZ	Member	AK Parti (JDP)	Şanlıurfa
Ms. Nevin Gaye ERBATUR	Member	CHP (RPP)	Adana
Mr. Mustafa Şükrü ELEKDAĞ	Member	CHP (RPP)	İstanbul
Mr. Algan HACALOĞLU	Member	CHP (RPP)	İstanbul
Mr. Osman COŞKUNOĞLU	Member	CHP (RPP)	Uşak
Mr. Ahmet Kenan TANRIKULU	Member	MHP (NMP)	İstanbul
Mr. Mithat MELEN	Member	MHP (NMP)	İstanbul
Mr. Bengi YILDIZ	Member	DTP (DSP)	Batman

*** Mr. Cevdet YILMAZ who was the member of Turkey-EU Joint Parliamentary Committee has been appointed as Minister of State. A new member will be appointed by the Justice and Development Party (AK Parti).

Abbreviations:

AK Parti	:Justice and Development Party (JDP)
CHP	:Republican People's Party (RPP)
MHP	:Nationalist Movement Party (NMP)
DTP	:Democratic Society Party (DSP)

CURRICULUM VITAE
OF
MEMBERS OF TURKISH DELEGATION

YAŞAR YAKIŞ
JUSTICE AND DEVELOPMENT PARTY (AK PARTİ)



Born in Akçakoca in 1938. Married, one child. Ambassador.

Graduated in 1962 from Ankara University, with B.A. degree in political sciences.

Joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1962. Served at various posts at the Turkish Consulate General in Belgium and Turkish Embassy in Lagos, Nigeria. Attended the NATO Defense College in Rome, Italy. Appointed as the Counsellor at the Turkish Delegation in NATO Brussels. Became the Counsellor at the Turkish Embassy in Damascus, Syria. From 1978 to 1988 he held various positions within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Turkey, becoming Head of Personnel Department, Head of NATO Department and Head of COMCEC Coordination Office.

In 1988, became the Ambassador of Turkey to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Appointed as the Deputy Under Secretary for Economic Affairs of the Ministry in 1992. In 1995, became the Ambassador of Turkey to Cairo, Egypt. From 1998 to 2000 served as the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations Office and other international organizations based in Vienna.

In 2000, appointed as Senior Policy Adviser at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Lectured “Turkey’s Foreign Policy” in the Bilkent and Hacettepe Universities in Ankara in 2000-2001.

In August 2001, became the founding member and Vice Chairman of the Justice and Development Party (AK Parti) in charge of Foreign Affairs.

In the general elections held on 3 November 2002, he was elected as Member of Parliament from the Province of Düzce. At the 22 July 2007 general elections he was elected again.

Minister of Foreign Affairs of the 58th Turkish Government.

Participated as Minister of Foreign Affairs in the Convention to draft the Treaty establishing a Constitution for Europe, in 2003.

He is Co-Chairman of Turkey-EU Joint Parliamentary Committee and Chairman of EU Committee in Turkish Parliament.

Speaks English, French and Arabic.

LÜTFİ ELVAN
JUSTICE AND DEVELOPMENT PARTY (AK PARTİ)



Born in Karaman in 1962. Married, 2 children.

Graduated from Faculty of Mining Engineering, İstanbul Technical University. Received his M. Phil on Mine and Operating Research in 1986 from Leeds University. Received his second MA on Economy in 1995 from Delaware University.

Served at the Data Processing Department of the Etibank in the capacity of engineer.

Served at the Prime Ministry State Planning Organization in the capacities of Expert on Planning, Head of the Department and Deputy Undersecretary.

From 1999 to 2006 served at Rural Development Committee of OECD in the capacity of Vice-Chairman.

From 2003 to 2007 served at EU Education and Youth Center in the capacity of Chairman of the Board of Directors.

From 2003 to 2007 served at Committee on Monitor and Orientation of EU Negotiation presided by Ali BABACAN in the capacity of member.

Served at General Directorate of Eti Zeloit, Turkish Petroleum Cooperation, Food Institution, Ziraat Bank in Kazakhstan in the capacity of member of Board of Directors.

He is pioneer of implementing of regional development planning and EU Regional programmes. He researched on mining sector, economy, local and regional development. He lectured in more than 40 seminars on Development of District and Region.

He has written two books and many articles in local and international magazines.

In the general elections held on 22 July 2007, he was elected Member of Parliament from the Province of Karaman.

He is Vice-Chairman of Turkey-EU Joint Parliamentary Committee and EU Committee in Turkish Parliament. He is also the President of Turkey-Hungary Parliamentary Friendship Group.

Speaks English.

ONUR ÖYMEN
REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY(CHP)



Born in İstanbul in 1940. Married, two children.

Graduated from Faculty of Political Sciences in Ankara University. Received his PhD. from Faculty of Political Sciences in Ankara University.

Joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkey. Served at Departments of Policy Planning, NATO and Cyprus to Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Served at Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the capacity of Advisor to the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Served at Turkish Embassies in Nicosia, Prague and Madrid in the capacity of counsellor.

Served at Turkish Delegation to Council of Europe, Strasbourg in the capacity of Deputy Permanent Representative. Served as Ambassador of Turkey to Germany and Denmark. Served as Permanent Representative of Turkey to NATO-Brussels.

Following his retirement from diplomatic service in 2002 he was elected Member of Parliament from the Province of İstanbul in the general elections held both on 3 November 2002 and on 22 July 2007. He is Vice-President of the CHP (Republican People's Party).

He has written four books.

He received awards of civil servant of the year in 1995, diplomat of the year for 1995, 1996 and 1997, Abdi İpekçi Peace Award in 2007 and Politician of the Year in 2004.

He is the member of the Foreign Affairs Committee. He is Vice-Chairman of Turkey-EU Joint Parliamentary Committee and the EU Committee in Turkish Parliament.

Speaks English, French, German and Spanish.

FAZİLET DAĞCI ÇIĞLIK
JUSTICE AND DEVELOPMENT PARTY (AK PARTİ)



Born in İspir, Erzurum in 1973. Married, 1 Child.

Computer engineer.

Graduated from Computer Engineering and Communication Department of Zurich Winterthur Technical University. Received his MBA from Zurich Winterthur Technical University.

Served at several NGOs including Dietikon Zurich Municipality in the capacity of adviser.

Served at Strategic Data Processing Department of Zurich Airport in the capacity of member of the project team.

Served at different projects and analysis on influences of the “Enterprise Search” solutions, security services and benefits of telecommunication of Zurich Canton Bank.

In the general elections held on 22 July 2007 she was elected Member of Parliament from the Province of Erzurum.

She is the member of the Turkey-EU Joint Parliamentary Committee and the spokeswoman of the EU Committee in Turkish Parliament.

Speaks German, English, French and Italian.

PROF. DR.OSMAN AKIR
NATIONALIST MOVEMENT PARTY (MHP)



Born in Sürmene, Trabzon, in 1952. Married, 2 Children.

Chemistry Professor.

Graduated from Chemistry Department of Middle East Technical University in 1974. Received his MSc from Faculty of Physical Health Sciences of Hacettepe University in 1977. Received his PhD on Physico-Chemistry from Hacettepe University in 1983. Became Associate Professor in 1986 and Professor in 1991.

From 1986 to 2007 served at Ondokuz Mayıs University, Samsun, Turkey in the capacity of academic staff at various administrative positions.

He was elected as Rector of Ondokuz Mayıs University in 1996 and served as Rector of Ondokuz Mayıs University until 2000.

From 1997 to 1998 served at the Inter-Universities Committee of Turkey in the capacity of Chairman.

He has published books and articles.

In the general elections held on 22 July 2007, he was elected Member of Parliament from the Province of Samsun. He is the Vice-President of Nationalist Movement Party (MHP).

He is Member of Turkey-EU Joint Parliamentary Committee and secretary member of the EU Committee in Turkish Parliament.

Speaks English.

BURHAN KAYATÜRK
JUSTICE AND DEVELOPMENT PARTY (AK PARTİ)



Born in Van in 1970. Married, 3 children.

Electronic Engineer.

Graduated from Department of Electronic Engineer of Lahore Technical University of Pakistan. Received his MBA on management from American International University.

Served at several international companies in the capacity of adviser.

Served at Kimlik Textile Company in the capacity of manager.

He was Chairman of the Academy on Politics of the Justice and Development Party.

He was Chairman of the Friendship and Cultural Foundation between Turkey and Pakistan.

He is vice-president of the Honorary Council for Turkish Engineers Union and president of the Researcher and Initiative Businessmen Foundation.

In the general elections held on 22 July 2007 he was elected Member of Parliament from the Province of Ankara.

He is the member of the Turkey-EU Joint Parliamentary Committee and the EU Committee in Turkish Parliament. He is also president of Turkey-Pakistan Parliamentary Friendship Group.

Speaks English, Indian, Urdu, Arabic and Japanese.

PROF. DR. YUSUF ZİYA İRBEÇ
JUSTICE AND DEVELOPMENT PARTY (AK PARTİ)



Born in Antalya in 1959. Married. Professor, Economist, Expert on Foreign Policy.

Graduated from University of Economics Vienna, Austria, M.Sc. in Social and Economic Sciences in 1982. Graduated from the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna in 1986. Received his PhD on Economics and Social Sciences in 1987 from University of Economics of Vienna, Austria.

From 1987 to 1990 served at the Union of Chambers of Turkey in the capacity of social research specialist, Head of the Department of the Islamic Countries and Africa as well as personal adviser to the President. From 1990 to 1996 served at Department of Economics of Bilkent University in the capacity of full time faculty member.

In 1994 served at Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation in the capacity of Advisor.

From 1996 to 1998 served at Faculty of Economic and Administrative Sciences of Afyon Kocatepe University in the capacity of deputy dean. From 1996 to 1997 served at Department of Economics of Bilkent University in the capacity of part time faculty member. From 1997 to 1998 served at the Ministry of Labor and Social Security in the capacity of advisor to the Minister.

From 1998 to 2001 served at Department of International Trade of Çankaya University in the capacity of full time faculty member and head of the department. From 2001 to 2004 served at Beykent University in the capacity of dean, vice-rector and rector. In 2005 served at Bahçeşehir Uğur Education Institutions (including Bahçeşehir University) in the capacity of Deputy Chairman. From 2006 to 2007 served at Balıkesir University in the capacity of full time faculty member.

He was founding President of the International Balkan University in Skopje, Macedonia

In the general elections held on 22 July 2007, he was elected Member of Parliament from the Province of Antalya. Deputy Chairman of the Economic Affairs Division of the AK Parti.

He has published 5 books and a lot of articles in various periodicals on foreign economic relations, social and employment policies.

He is Member of Turkey-EU Joint Parliamentary Committee and EU Committee in Turkish Parliament.

Speaks German, French, English, Italian, Arabic and Russian.

PROF.İBRAHİM KAVAZ
JUSTICE AND DEVELOPMENT PARTY(AK PARTİ)



Born in Horasan, Erzurum in 1955. Married, 3 children.

Graduated from Turkish Language and Literature Department of Ataturk University. Received his MBA on new Turkish literature from Fırat University. Received his PhD from Fırat University.

Served at Atatürk University in the capacity of lecturer.

Served at Fırat University in the capacity of lecturer.

Became Asistan Professor in 1997 and professor in 2003.

Served at Fırat University in the capacity of Head of the Turkish Language and Literature Department.

He has written 6 books and articles.

In the general elections held on 22 July 2007 he was elected Member of Parliament from the Province of Erzurum.

He is the member of the Turkey-EU Joint Parliamentary Committee and the EU Committee in Turkish Parliament.

Speaks French and Arabic.

PROF.MUSTAFA ÖZTÜRK
JUSTICE AND DEVELOPMENT PARTY (AK PARTİ)



Born in Dörtyol, Hatay in 1953. Married, two children.

Professor, Engineer on Chemistry.

Graduated from Chemistry Faculty of Istanbul University. Received his MBA in Chemical Engineering from Chemistry Faculty of İstanbul University. Received his PhD on Environmental Engineering from İstanbul Technical University .

Served at the Department of Environmental Engineering of Yıldız Technical University in the capacity of assistant professor.

He became a professor in 1995.

Served at the Environment Engineering Department of Yıldız Technical University in the capacity of Associate Head of the Environment Department and Head of Environment Science.

Served at Istanbul Greater Municipality in the capacity of Head of Environment Control and Developing Department and Head of Factories Licensing.

Served at Environment and Forestry Ministry in the capacity of Deputy Undersecretary responsible from environment.

He worked as a focal point during the EU monitoring studies.

He has written in more than 50 scientific papers about environment in refereed journals and 5 books.

In the general elections held on 22 July 2007, he was elected Member of Parliament from the Province of Hatay.

He is member of Turkey-EU Joint Parliamentary Committee and EU Committee in Turkish Parliament.

Speaks English.

MEHMET SAİT DİLEK
JUSTICE AND DEVELOPMENT PARTY (AK PARTİ)



Born in Lice, Diyarbakır in 1966. Married, two children.

Businessman, Journalist.

Graduated from Faculty of Communication of Ankara University. Received his MBA from London School of Economics and Political Science.

Served at Turkish Dailies “Ekonomik Doğuş” and “Millet” in the capacity of representative of Ankara.

Served at Ministry of State in the capacity of counselor.

Served at Yarımca Porcelain Company in the capacity of member of the board.

Served at Kimo Textile in the capacity of Chairman of Board.

Served at Federation of Cycle in the capacity of Chairman of the Board and Deputy Chairman.

In the general elections held on 22 July 2007, he was elected Member of Parliament from the Province of Isparta.

He is member of Turkey-EU Joint Parliamentary Committee and EU Committee in Turkish Parliament.

Speaks English and Arabic.

MEHMET BEYAZIT DENİZOLGUN
JUSTICE AND DEVELOPMENT PARTY (AK PARTİ)



Born in İstanbul in 1954

Civil engineer.

Graduated from Faculty of Civil Engineering of İstanbul Technical University. Received his MBA Degree from İstanbul Technical University.

Served at several private companies in the capacity of civil engineer, director general and chairman of the board of governors.

He was members for Chamber of Civil Engineers, ITU Alumni and Chamber of İstanbul Trade.

He was member of Board of Founders for Justice and Development Party (AK Parti).

In the general elections held on 3 November 2002 and 22 July 2007, he was elected Member of Parliament from the Province of İstanbul.

He is member of Turkey-EU Joint Parliamentary Committee and EU Committee in Turkish Parliament.

Speaks English and Arabic.

TAHA AKSOY
JUSTICE AND DEVELOPMENT PARTY (AK PARTİ)



Born in Horasan, Erzurum in 1947. Married, two children. Civil Engineer.

Graduated from Civil Engineering Department of Middle East Technical University, Ankara, with Honors in 1969. Received His Master of Science in Construction Engineering Department of Middle East Technical University with High Honors in 1972.

From 1969 to 1974 served at Civil Engineering Dept. of Middle East Technical University, Ankara, in the capacity of teaching and research assistant. From 1974 to 1975 served at Institute for Construction Management, Munich Technical University in the capacity of research assistant.

From 1975 to 1980 served at Betonsan Company Inc., İzmir, Turkey in the capacity of general manager. From 1980 to 1982 served at Afa Construction Company Inc., Istanbul and İzmir, Turkey in the capacity of assistant general manager.

From 1982 to 1987 served at King Abdulaziz University, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia in the capacity of lecturer.

In 1987 served at Afa Construction Company Inc., İzmir, Turkey in the capacity of planning coordinator. From 1987 to 1988 Served at Cimentas Group, İzmir, Turkey in the capacity project manager. From 1988 to 1997 Served at Cimentas Gazbeton Co., İzmir Turkey in the capacity of general manager. From 1997 to 1999 served at Cimentas Group, İzmir, Turkey in the capacity of planning coordinator and executive board member. In 2000 served at Beser Company Inc., İzmir, Turkey in the capacity of general manager.

From 2005 to 2006 served at Universiade 2005, in the capacity of general coordinator and chairman of the executive committee; İzmir, Turkey. From 2001 to 2007 served at Atay Holding Group, İzmir, Turkey in the capacity of head of commercial group and executive board member.

In the general elections held on 22 July 2007, he was elected Member of Parliament from the Province of İzmir

He is member of Turkey-EU Joint Parliamentary Committee and EU Committee in Turkish Parliament.

Speaks English and German.

MUSA SIVACIOĞLU
JUSTICE AND DEVELOPMENT PARTY (AK PARTİ)



Born in İhsangazi, Kastamonu in 1955. Married, three children.

Graduated from Law Faculty of Ankara University and from French Language Department of Gazi University. Received his MBA on Civil Law from Department of Law to Ankara University.

From 1975 to 1979 served at General Directorate of Foundations in the capacity of civil servant.

From 1979 to 1988 served at Ministry of Justice in the capacity of public prosecutor.

In 1988 appointed as Investigating Judge in General Director of Law Affairs to the Ministry of Justice.

Served at General Directorate of International Law and Foreign Affairs to the Ministry of Justice in the capacity of investigating judge and Deputy Director General.

Served at Ministry of Justice in the capacity of Public Prosecutor for Ankara

He attended several courses on criminal law and European Union in France and Belgium.

He participated in the meetings of the Committee to the Council of Europe.

In the general elections held on 3 November 2002, he was elected Member of Parliament from the Province of Kastamonu. At the July 2007 general elections he was elected again.

He is member of Turkey-EU Joint Parliamentary Committee and EU Committee in Turkish Parliament.

Speaks Arabic and French.

İSMAİL HAKKI BİÇER
JUSTICE AND DEVELOPMENT PARTY (AK PARTİ)



Born in Simav, Kütahya in 1952. Married, 4 children

Graduated from Faculty of Management from İstanbul University. Received his MBA from İstanbul University. Received his PhD on management from University in Switzerland. Became Assistant Professor in 1989.

Lectured on management, organization, human resources and behaviour sciences.

He was adviser to private sectors and government bodies.

Lectured in the Faculty of Management of İstanbul Technical University.

He was member of the Council of Science, High Board of the Science and Technology.

He was member of the board of governors for national metrology institute and Turkish standard institute.

In the general elections held on 22 July 2007 he was elected Member of Parliament from the Province of Kütahya.

He is the member of the Turkey-EU Joint Parliamentary Committee and the EU Committee in Turkish Parliament.

Speaks French and English.

CÜNEYT YÜKSEL
JUSTICE AND DEVELOPMENT PARTY (AK PARTİ)



Born in Mardin in 1970. Married, three children

Assistant professor, law scholar.

Graduated from Istanbul University Law Faculty with honors degree. Received his MBA on Law from Harvard University in 1994 and worked as a research assistant between 1994 and 95 at Harvard University. Received his second MBA on international law, politics and management from Stanford University in 1996. Received his PhD from Stanford University in 1999 where he worked as a research assistant and law scholar.

From 1998 to 2001 worked as an international attorney at law at one of the biggest multinational law firms in the world located in Washington D.C. Served at various governments and multinational companies in the capacity of Adviser. From 2001 to 2004 served at one of the biggest companies in Turkey in the capacity of chief legal counsel.

In 2005 gave lessons at Maryland University Faculty of Law as a guest scholar.

From 2004 to 2007 worked as an assistant professor at Bosphorus University where he is still the European Director of Harvard Alumni.

He has published many academic studies in the fields of reinventing the government, management, globalization, law and economy, multinational companies, corporate governance, politics, European Union and ethics in government and took part in several international and national conferences concerning these subjects as a speaker.

Besides his award of merit given by Stanford University, he received an award of merit as the most successful Harvard Alumni in 2003.

In the general elections held on 22 July 2007, he was elected Member of Parliament from the Province of Mardin.

He is a member of Turkey-EU Joint Parliamentary Committee and EU Committee in Turkish Parliament. He is also the President of Turkey-Holland Parliamentary Friendship Group.

He is the Vice-President of Political and Legal Affairs of Justice and Development Party.

Speaks Arabic and English.

AFİF DEMİRKİRAN
JUSTICE AND DEVELOPMENT PARTY (AK PARTİ)



Born in Kurtalan in 1952. Married, Four children.

Mining Engineer, Expert in planning and Economist.

Graduated from Faculty of Mining, Istanbul Technical University. Received his post Graduate Diploma and Ph.D from University of Leeds.

Served at Etibank in the capacity of manager.

Served at Department of Foreign Investment of the State Planning Organization in the capacity of Head of the Department.

Served at Foreign Investment Department at Undersecretariat of Treasury in the capacity of Director General.

Served at Ereğli Iron-Steel Company and Sümerbank in the capacity of Member of Board.

Worked as Coordinator and Manager at private sector

Served at TEAŞ (Turkish Electricity Generation and Transmission Company) in the capacity of General Director and Chairman of Board of Governors

Served at Vakıf Energy and Mining Ltd. In the capacity of General Director

In the general elections held on 3 November 2002, he was elected Member of Parliament from the Province of Batman. At the July 2007 general elections he was elected again from Province of Siirt.

He was member of the Turkish Delegation to the OSCEPA (Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe Parliamentary Assembly).

He is member of Committee on Industry, Trade, Energy and Natural Resources; and member of Committee on Information and Technology in Turkish Parliament.

He is member of Turkey-EU Joint Parliamentary Committee and EU Committee in Turkish Parliament. He is also the President of Turkey-Spain Parliamentary Friendship Group.

Speaks English.

ÇAĞLA AKTEMUR ÖZYAVUZ
JUSTICE AND DEVELOPMENT PARTY (AK PARTİ)



Born in Çıldır, Ardahan in 1972. Married.

Engineer on Geophysics, business woman.

Graduated from Department of Engineering on Geophysics, İstanbul Technical University.

Founded the Misurina Travel Tourism Agency and Misurina Engineering.

Served at Chamber of the Engineers on Geophysics in the capacity of Free Consultant.

Served at Chamber of the Engineers on Geophysics for Şanlıurfa in the capacity of Deputy Representative.

In the general elections held on 22 July 2007 she was elected Member of Parliament from the Province of Şanlıurfa.

She is the member of the Turkey-EU Joint Parliamentary Committee and the EU Committee in Turkish Parliament.

Speaks English and Italian.

PROF. NEVIN GAYE ERBATUR
REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (CHP)



Born in 1950 in Ankara. Married, 1 child. Professor, Engineer on Chemistry.

Graduated from Faculty of Chemistry of Hacettepe University in 1973. Received her Master of Science Degree on Chemistry, Hacettepe University, Ankara, Turkey. Received her PhD on Philosophy in Chemistry from Hacettepe University, Ankara, in 1977.

From 1973 to 1978 served at Faculty of Chemistry of Hacettepe University in the capacity of assistant of chemistry. From 1978 to 1982 served at Faculty of Chemistry of Çukurova University in the capacity of assistant of chemistry. From 1984-1989 served at Faculty of Chemistry of Çukurova University in the capacity of assistant professor of chemistry. From 1989-2002 served at Faculty of Chemistry of Çukurova University in the capacity of professor of chemistry.

From 1994 to 1999 served at Women's Research and Implementation Centre in Çukurova University in the capacity of founder and head. From 1994-1997 served at Chemistry Department in Çukurova University in the capacity of head. She conducted undergraduate and graduate courses on Instrumental Analysis, Molecular Spectroscopy and Industrial Chemistry.

She engaged in the work of gender equality in Turkey. She took part in official delegation of Turkey and attended UN Fourth World Conference on Women (1995). She also attended HABİTAT, İstanbul in 1996.

She has become a member of Republican People's Party in 1998 and elected as a member of the Central Administration Board of the Party in 1999.

She travelled around the country, conducted a number of workshops and training courses on women's participation in politics. More than 1000 women benefited from these training activities. She has been honoured The Jean Harris Award of the Rotary International: 1998-1999 in recognition of outstanding service to empowerment of women in Turkey.

She has written books and articles.

In the general elections held on 3 November 2002, she was elected Member of Parliament from the Province of Adana. At the July 2007 general elections she was elected again.

She was the member of the Turkish delegation to the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE PA) and Inter Parliamentary Union (IPU).

She is member of Ad Hoc Committee on Protection of Children's Rights and Ad Hoc Group on Population and Development. She is vice-chairman of the Committee on Equality of Opportunities for Women and Men in Turkish Parliament.

She is also member of Turkey-EU Joint Parliamentary Committee and EU Committee in Turkish Parliament.

Speaks English.

ŞÜKRÜ M. ELEKDAĞ
REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (CHP)



Born in Istanbul in 1924. Married, four children.

Graduated from Istanbul School of Higher Economics and Commerce. Received his PhD on economics in 1950 from “La Faculté de Droit et des Sciences Economiques – Sorbonne” in Paris University.

Joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1951. Served at the Turkish Delegation at the United Nations in New York in the capacity of First Secretary. Served at the Turkish Delegation at NATO in Paris in the capacity of Counsellor. In 1964 became Director General of the NATO Department of the MFA. In 1967 was appointed to the position of Deputy under Secretary for International Security Affairs of the MFA. From 1970 to 1974 served as Ambassador of Turkey to Japan. In 1974 was promoted to the position of Under Secretary of the MFA. In 1979 Mr. Elekdağ was appointed as Ambassador of Turkey to the USA where he served until his retirement in 1989.

Following his retirement from diplomatic service he became a senior lecturer at Bilkent University where he instructed master and doctoral students international relations and contemporary strategic theory until 2002. He was also the Chairman of the University’s “International Security Seminars.”

From 1989 to 2001 as a columnist he wrote regularly to the Turkish daily Milliyet. During the year 2002 his columns were published by Sabah, another Turkish newspaper. He is the holder of the prestigious “Yellow Press-Card”. During the years 2000-2002 he acted as host and commentator of the “Strategic Outlook” program at TV Channel “Haber Türk”.

He is known as being the initiator and one of the founders of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation project. He is the author of several publications on this matter as well as on strategic issues relating to Turkey.

In 2001 he was elected as member to the Party Council of the People’s Republican Party. In the general elections held on 3 November 2002, he was elected Member of Parliament from the Province of Istanbul. At the July 2007 general elections he was elected again. Mr. Elekdağ is member of Party Council.

He is the member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Turkey-EU Joint Parliamentary Committee and the EU Committee in Turkish Parliament. He is also the vice President of both Turkey-USA and Turkey-France Parliamentary Friendship Groups. Speaks French and English.

ALGAN HACALOĞLU
REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (CHP)



Born in Fındıklı, Rize in 1940. Married, two children.

Civil engineer, economist and planner.

Graduated from Yıldız Technical University. Received his MS on Civil Engineering from Carnegie-Mellon University in 1964. Received his MBA on business economics from Pittsburg University in 1967.

From 1973 to 1977 served at Turkish State Planning Organization in the capacity of expert. From 1978 to 1980 served at Turkish State Planning Organization in the capacity of deputy undersecretary. From 1981 to 1991 served at Turkish Business Group in the capacity of general coordinator of overseas operation.

In 1983 he was founder and head of SODEP (Social Democrat Party) Istanbul Branch and founder of SHP (Social Democratic Party) and member of executive committee of SHP from 1983 to 1992.

He has been elected as the member of Parliament from İstanbul four times, 1987, 1995, 2002 and 2007.

From 1993 to 1995 served at CHP (Republican People's Party) in the capacity of Deputy Chairman.

In 1995 served at the Cabinet in the capacity of Minister of State in charge of Human Rights and Rural Economic development.

He is founder and member of "Turkish History Foundation" and "Turkish Economic Social and Political Studies Foundation (TÜSES)".

He was Member of Parliament from İstanbul from 1991 to 1999.

He was member of the Turkish Delegation to the OSCEPA from 1993 to 1998 and from 2002 to 2005.

He has published various reports, articles, written and printed documents on Turkish economy, human rights, politics in general and Party policies.

OSMAN COŞKUNOĞLU
REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (CHP)



Born in Ankara in 1947. Married, 2 children.

Industrial Engineer.

Graduated from Department of Civil Engineering of Middle East Technical University. Received his MS from the same department. While he was student at the university, he was elected as the Chairman of the Social Democrat Students Union. Then he got elected as the Secretary General of the Youth Section of Republican People's Party (CHP) and later to the Party Council of the same party at the national convention.

After receiving his MS, while working at the Scientific and Technical Research Council of Turkey, he received an assistantship offer from the Industrial and Systems Engineering Department of the Georgia Institute of Technology. He accepted the offer and went to the United States. When he completed his PhD studies, his PhD dissertation received the Outstanding Thesis of the Year award.

He accepted an offer from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. While he was a faculty member, he was elected to the University Senate as well as to the Executive Committee of the Engineering Faculty. Became Professor.

While teaching at the university in the United States, he also served as a consultant to private firms as well as to the public institutions. He spent his sabbatical leave at the Computer Science Department of the University of Milan in Italy. In Italy he also worked as a consultant to Milano Ricerce, an international consortium.

He returned to Turkey in 1997 and joined the Industrial Engineering Department of the Middle East Technical University. At the 1998 National Convention of CHP (Republican People's Party) he was elected to the Party Council.

In the general elections held on 3 November 2002, he was elected Member of Parliament from the Province of Uşak. In the 22 July 2007 general elections he was elected for the second term.

He is the member of Turkey-EU Joint Parliamentary Committee and the EU Committee in Turkish Parliament.

Speaks English and Italian.

AHMET KENAN TANRIKULU
NATIONALIST MOVEMENT PARTY (MHP)



Born in İstanbul 1958. Married, two children.

Graduated from Ankara University, with B.A. degree in political sciences and economy in 1979. Received his M.A on Mathematical Economy from Western Illinois University, the USA in 1989.

Joined the Prime Ministry, State Planning Organization in 1980. Served at Directorate General on Economical Planning 1980-1990 in the capacity of Assistant Expert and Expert on Planning.

Appointed as the Adviser to Minister on State in 1990.

Served at Directorate General on Economic Models and Strategic Researches in the capacity of Expert on Planning between 1991-1996.

Appointed as Director General of Environmental Impact Assessment and Planning in the Ministry of Environment in 1996.

Appointed as Deputy Undersecretary of Ministry of Tourism in 1997.

In the general elections held on 19 April 1999, he was elected Member of Parliament from the Province of İzmir. At the July 2007 general elections he was elected again.

Minister of Industry and Trade of the 57th Turkish Government.

Elected as a member of the Central Executive Board to the Nationalist Movement Party in 2006.

He has published various reports, articles, written and printed documents on Turkish economy, development, privatization and environment.

He was the member of Turkish delegation to the OSCE parliamentary Assembly. He is member of the Turkey-EU Joint Parliamentary Committee and the EU Committee in Turkish Parliament as well as Committee on Public Works, Development, Transportation and Tourism.

Speaks English.

PROF. DR. MİTHAT MELEN
NATIONALIST MOVEMENT PARTY (MHP)



Born in Ankara 1947.

Professor, Economist.

Graduated from the Academy of Economical and Commercial Sciences , Ankara. Completed his post-graduate study at Brussels and İstanbul University on the economical structure of the European Community. Got a two months international banking training course at the Postipankki Helsinki.

Started his professional life at the treasury department of the Ministry of Finance in 1971. Served at the NATO international secretariat in the capacity of financial assistant. Trainee for six months in European Community's Committee. Served at European Community of Undersecretariat of Treasury of Turkey in the capacity of section chief. From 1977 to 1979 served at the Embassy of Turkey in Brussels in the capacity of financial attaché and financial counselor. Served at Turkish Delegation to the OECD in the capacity of economic and trade counselor.

He led the negotiations for Turkey's membership to the Asian Development Bank and European Bank for Reconstruction and Development as Chief of Department Turkish Treasury in Ankara. Following the 1991 elections he resigned from his post at the Treasury department.

In 1992 he was appointed as Associate Professor to the Faculty of Economics of the University of İstanbul. In 1996 he became professor. He teaches since 1985.

He wrote columns for several national newspapers. He made programs for various TV and radio channels as moderator. He was a consultant and prepared a mid-term evaluation report for the Employment and Training Project which was a World Bank loaned IIBK (Turkish Employment Office) project. He recently did consultancy work on the privatization of the energy sector. He is consultant to the Board of the İstanbul Chamber of Industry and to some Anatolian industrialists and to local mayors.

He regularly participates in professional seminars and congresses. He released five books including one in English.

In the general elections held on 22 July 2007, he was elected Member of Parliament from the Province of İstanbul. He is Member of Turkey-EU Joint Parliamentary Committee and EU Committee in Turkish Parliament.

Speaks English and French.

BENĐİ YILDIZ
DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY PARTY (DTP)



Born in Kozluk, Batman in 1965. Married, two children.

Lawyer.

Graduated from Faculty of Law of İstanbul University.

Served at Turkish Dailies, Gündem, Demokrasi, Ülkeden Özgür Gündem in the capacity of correspondent and administrator.

Served at Municipality of Batman as lawyer and adviser to Mayor.

Served at Batman Office of Human Rights Foundation in the capacity of Head of the Office.

In the general elections held on 22 July 2007, he was elected Member of Parliament from the Province of Batman.

He is member of Turkey-EU Joint Parliamentary Committee and EU Committee in Turkish Parliament.

Speaks intermediate English.