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TUSIAD PUBLISHES THREE REPORTS

Tusiad has recently published three reports on issues that have a significant impact on turkish society: agricultural policies, the eu, and entrepreneurship. A brief overview of the reports can be found below.

Written by middle east technical university professors, halis akder, erol cakmak, and haluk kasnakoglu, the report entitled "turkey and the search for a new equilibrium in agricultural policies" underlines the impact of agricultural policies on the country's economic policies. Since the 1980s, decision-makers in every country have witnessed an increasing interest in agricultural policies, and, with the signing of the world trade organization's agricultural agreement in 1995, this growing "interest" gained officialdom. Aside from international developments, turkey's candidacy for eu membership has added a new dimension to the search for a new approach. By offering a critical evaluation of the shortcomings of agricultural policies in turkey and emphasizing the necessity for consistent objectives for the country, the report acts as a handbook for policy-makers. Furthermore, the report provides an analysis of the impact of agricultural policies on income distribution, which enables the authors to offer a set of feasible alternatives that include the replacement of the current policy of price support to one of income support.

Prepared by the external relations department of tusiad, the report entitled "towards full eu membership", flows naturally from the eu's decision to grant turkey candidacy status in december 1999. Essentially, the report provides a synopsis of the criteria set in copenhagen and the prerequisites turkey must complete prior to the commencement of the negotiations. As such, this study primarily examines the standards turkey must uphold to and the consequences it may yield for the country. Moreover, the report provides a comparative analysis of the political aspects of the eu commission reports regarding the criteria established in copenhagen by making reference to previous tusiad's publications "democratization perspectives in turkey" (1997), and "the improvement of democratic standards in turkey: debates and recent developments" (1999).

Published by the economic research department of tusiad, "fostering entrepreneurship in europe: the unice benchmarking report 1999" is a turkish translation of the may 1999 report of the union of industrial and employers' confederations of europe (unice). Tusiad and tisk prepared the original report which was distributed by unice. A study on the eu's competitive advantage in comparison to the respective economies of the u.s. and japan, this report is the fourth of a series published by unice since 1994. Focusing on fostering widespread entrepreneurship in europe, the purpose of the report is to raise public awareness on its importance, and provide suggestions for the government to undertake the necessary measures to ensure increased activity. The report highlights the low level of entrepreneurship in europe and discusses the underlying causes and possible solutions to the problem.

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