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TUSIAD: "Multilateral Cooperation and Solidarity Is A Must To Combat International Terrorism"

September 12, 2001, Washington, DC: We truly share the pain of the United States of America, which had to endure yesterday the vicious face of international terrorism in New York and Washington, DC. We send our condolences and our deepest sympathy to the victims of horrific incidents and their families.

Turkey has long been one of the main targets of international terrorism and its people have suffered greatly from its devastating effects. In this respect, Turkey has always stressed the importance of finding means to prevent international assistance provided to terrorist groups around the world. Recent tragedy has once more demonstrated the international scope of terrorism and the need to deal with it through international cooperation and solidarity. Strong coordination among nations' intelligence and security units is especially crucial in order to provide the necessary technological capacity in countering terrorist acts.

In their speeches following the horrific incidents, U.S. President George Bush and U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell, have insightfully indicated that attacks had been directed towards democracy, individual liberties and peace. We believe maintaining this perspective should be the keystone in efforts to combat international terrorism.