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Dear participants,

It is a great pleasure to welcome you all on the second day of Go Global Summit in İstanbul.

As the Foreign Economic Relations Board (DEİK), we are celebrating the 40th anniversary of DEİK, and at the same time, the 40th anniversary of the Trkiye-U.S. Business Council – TAİK. TAİK holds a special place in our history, as it was the very first business council established under DEİK.

And, I would like to introduce my special thanks to TAİK and Endeavor Trkiye for organizing this distinguished event for the second time. I hope that this summit will strengthen Trkiye’s role in the global innovation economy and pave the way for achieving sustainable

momentum in entrepreneurship, investment, and technology-driven growth.

As we all follow the word economy is suffering from disruptions in supply chain, high tariff rates, protectionist trade policies and as result from low growth rates. We believe that innovation, especially in digital ecosystems, will be a major force that would drive economic growth in near future. For innovation we need more ideas, more investments and more collaborations in short more start-up companies.

Turkish start-up ecosystem has developed rapidly thanks to our digital infrastructure, talented human capital resources, growing market potential and incentives and programs provided by government and became a regional hub among eastern Europe, Middle East and Eurasia region. Now, we aim to focus on high growth sectors including gaming, fintech, and artificial intelligence. The ecosystem has been successful after 2020 and in just 5 years it produced six unicorns, two of which later received decacorn status. It continues to be on a growing path and to continue to attract greater international attention.

I believe this event will a perfect platform in bringing Turkish startup ecosystem together global fund providers, global tech companies and main stakeholders and will further contribute to the development of startup ecosystem in international arena.

I'll finish with my sincere thanks to all funds and financial institutions as well as our sponsors Akbank, Turkish Airlines, Finberg, Türk Telekom, Deel, Doğuş, hepsiburada, Balcıoğlu Selçuk Eymiroğlu Ardiyok Keki, Core Finance, UBS, Wask and send my gratitude to all.

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