

**MEETING WITH FIRST DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER OF  
UKRAINE - MINISTER OF ECONOMY OF UKRAINE MS. YULIA  
SVYRYDENKO**

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**First Deputy Prime Minister of Ukraine - Minister of Economy of  
Ukraine Ms. Yulia Svyrydenko (*Yulia Sviridenko*),**

**Deputy Minister of Economy of Ukraine Mr. Denis Kudin (*Denis  
Kudin*),**

**Consul General of Ukraine in İstanbul Mr. Roman Roman  
Nedilskyi (*Roman Nedilski*),**

**Chairperson of Türkiye-Ukraine Business Council and our  
moderator Mr. Ruşen Çetin,**

**Company Officials, Dear Guests,**

On behalf of Foreign Economic Relations Board of Türkiye - DEİK, I  
am delighted to be with you in this meaningful meeting in our new office.

In normal conditions, I usually give a speech about our economic  
relations and mention some points that I believe will improve our trade and  
economic relations here with you, where we find a chance to talk with  
government officials.

However, in the current situation, I find it a little bit meaningless to talk about these. But I hope peace will come soon and we'll talk again about our developed business relations, some detailed issues on that. Even so, our company representatives here will address these issues now.

Let me continue with a brief introduction of DEİK to get more familiar with.

Foreign Economic Relations Board, DEİK, is a business platform that has been continuing its activities for 37 years in order to enhance all economic relations, between Türkiye and the other countries. We continue our activities with an understanding of "business diplomacy".

As part of this "business diplomacy" perspective, I firmly believe that today is a good chance to consider our bilateral economic relations of the two friend countries.

There are 148 Business Councils in DEİK, 140 of those are country based Business Councils. We have a strong structure of Business Councils in the world; 45 in Africa, 37 in Europe, 19 in Asia-Pacific, 13 in the Middle East, 13 in Eurasia and 14 in the Americas. Also, we will set up a new business council called "Digital Technologies" under Sectoral Business Councils very soon.

I mean, it is a unique business platform with such a large network. I hope that the Ukrainian business world will also benefit from this network and experience after current hard times.

The trade volume between the two countries is more than 7 \$ billion. Turkish companies have significant investments in both Russia and

Ukraine. These investments have been affected by the measures and restrictions to be experienced due to the war. To accomplish our trade volume and to reach the previous business relations again after war, here the main part of the responsibility belongs to business communities. Also Ambassadors, the General Consuls, Ministers and Commercial Counsellors are here together with us for support. As business people, I believe we should work harder. We are ready to build Ukraine again after hard times.

In the long term, the reshaping of the world economy and international order seems inevitable. I wish the new geopolitical and economic order to settle down as soon as possible and achieve a stable structure.

I would like to finish my speech with a Ukrainian proverb: **“Love will find a way. Indifference will find an excuse.”** I wish love will find a way between nations and peace will begin soon. So, we can continue to work together as Turkish and Ukrainian business representatives for the benefit of our peoples.

Thank you for your attention.

**Nail OLPAK**

**President of DEİK**