

Excellencies,
Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am delighted that central banks' governors of friendly and brotherly COMCEC member countries are gathered today in Istanbul in order to discuss and exchange their precious experiences on current economic and financial developments.

Although, I had wished very much to attend to this important event, I would like to express my deep regret for not being able to participate due to my prior commitments.

I strongly believe that this initiative will provide opportunities for COMCEC member countries and will further strengthen cooperation and collaboration among their central banks and monetary authorities.

I would like to wish you success and congratulate all authorities for being part of such an important initiative.

I should also like to stress that I will follow the developments with great enthusiasm.

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