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### Agricultural Policies

#### Addendum

#### TURKEY

### AGRICULTURAL POLICY OF TURKEY

The basic objectives of Turkey's agricultural policy are to meet the needs of the Turkish economy and to achieve equitable and rational prices of agricultural products.

The instruments of Turkey's agricultural policy are thus characterized by the importance of the contribution made by the agricultural sector to the dynamics of economic development and by the concern to improve agricultural earnings.

Inter alia, these instruments allow priority action to be undertaken with the view to improving certain products in terms of quality and quantity in the light of the requirements of domestic and external demand.

Among the instruments used, support price mechanisms, designed to ensure production of the desired quality and quantity and to maintain prices at an equitable and remunerative level while organizing the market, are applied in respect of products such as cereals, poppy, tobacco, tea, sugar beet, cotton, raisins, dried figs, hazel-nuts, pistachio nuts and olive oil. The prices of other agricultural products are determined according to the play of market forces.

Other instruments which have been brought into operation in order to satisfy the requirements of an up-to-date agricultural sector are more particularly concerned with agricultural infrastructure and with the improvement and restructuring of farming and marketing activities.

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