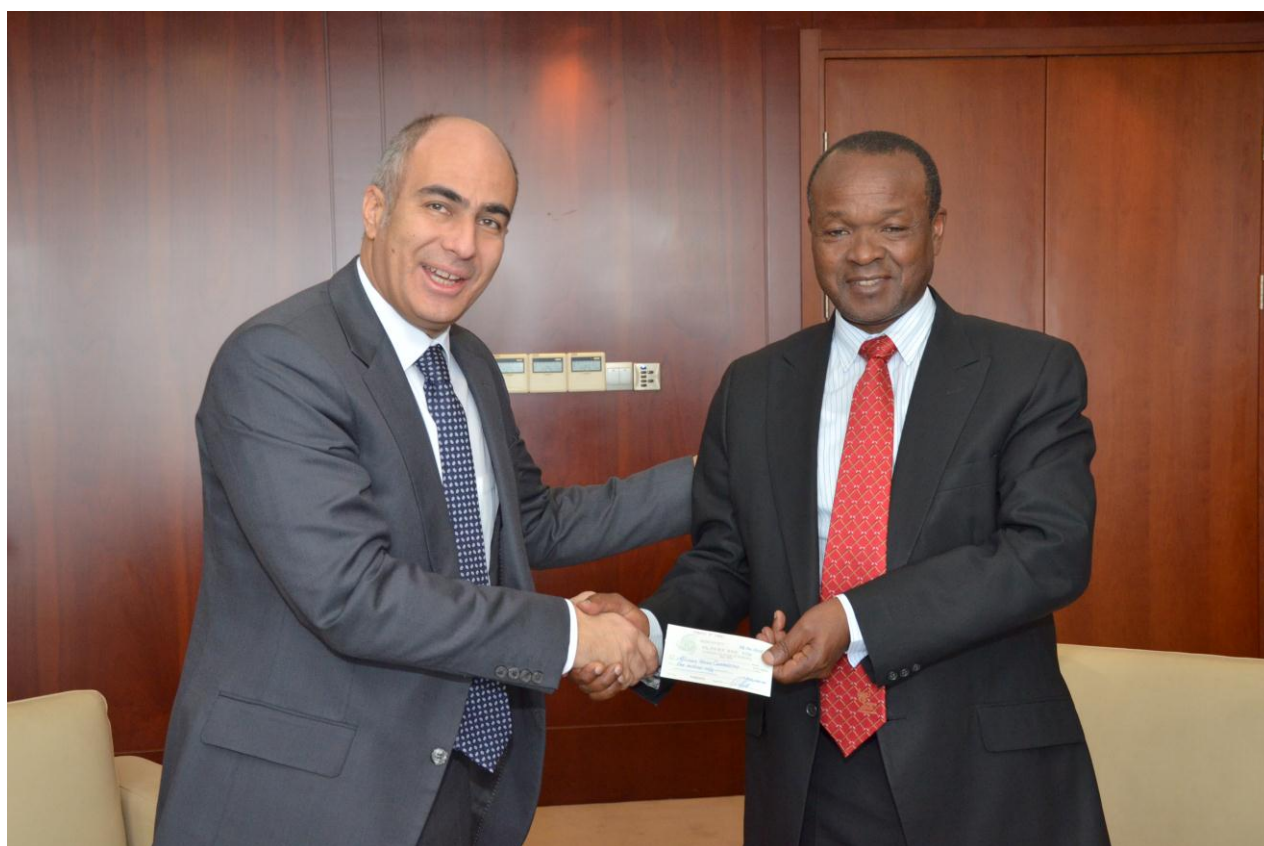


PRESS RELEASE N°104/2015**Turkey has delivered its annual contribution of \$1 million to the African Union (AU) in Addis Ababa**

Addis Ababa, 8 April 2015. H. E Erastus Mwencha, Deputy Chairperson of the African Union Commission received a \$ 1 million check from H. E Osman Riza Yavuzalp, Turkish Ambassador to Ethiopia.



This contribution is earmarked for the proposed projects under the “Matrix of Major Priority Projects of the Turkey-Africa partnership 2015-2019” which was agreed upon at the II Turkey-Africa Partnership Summit, held in Malabo on 19-21 November 2014.

“At this point, Turkey’s contribution is crucial to the AU and will go along way in providing support in the implementation of a series of activities under the theme of the year, women’s empowerment” Mr. Mwencha said.

The Deputy Chairperson also mentioned the ongoing economic and trade cooperation between Turkey and Africa and highlighted the necessity to strengthen the relation in all areas of common interest including counter-terrorism.

H. E Osman Riza Yavuzalp, on his part, stressed the fact that the Turkish contribution reflects the constant commitment of his country to support Africa's development.

"Turkey will pursue its cooperation with Africa in different fields such as agriculture, energy, security and human resources development" he asserted.

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