

## PLANNING FOR THE BIO-ENVIRONMENT

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Allow me first to say that I am very happy to see so many distinguished guests in Istanbul and to welcome them.

Environmental problems have existed since the birth of humanity. In our times these problems have reached a point that attracts more attention. The choice of Istanbul as a place of meeting and exchanging views on this most important problem of all humanity constitutes for us a great honor. I wish to thank very warmly all those involved in the organization of this conference.

The environmental problems were not so numerous when people lived in smaller and fewer groups. The development of cities and the industrialization have become the main reasons for the aggravation of these problems.

Istanbul lives with both of these problems simultaneously. Even though the population in Turkey has increased by 2.2%, in Istanbul population growth has reached 4.8% and the figures grow dramatically every day. During the period of 1985-1990 the rise of population in Istanbul was 400,000 inhabitants annually and a higher rate of increase will most probably occur in the coming years. Due to various allocations, industrialisation increases continuously in Istanbul and in all the surrounding areas.

In order to decrease the importance of many of these problems, a solution to the problem of immigration is required beforehand. Since this subject is not on our agenda today, I will try to explain a specific plan of action for Istanbul under the present circumstances.

In order to resolve the environmental problems and, more importantly, avoid the creation of new ones, prescient programming is required. Unfortunately, today's urban planning covers only the city of Istanbul and the neighboring area, whereas environmental problems exist even in the out-of-plan regions of the whole department of Istanbul. For this reason, we need to include not only the city but also the rest of the area including the country-side.

We call this plan of earth use. Thus all the areas found within the borders of the Department of Istanbul are distributed to all the administrative sectors. In this plan it is important to include agriculture, tourism, industry, water exploitation, forestry as well as other activities. Thus the purpose for which the city land should be used will become clear.

Programming of this kind should be implemented in every area suffering from environmental problems with a great probability of being aggravated in the future. Carrying out the program is not sufficient, since all the sectors of government need to follow it with discipline. I believe the biggest problem arises not because of lack of planning, but because of lack of discipline in implementing the program. If we succeed in combining the program together with disciplinary action, then we will be able to contribute to resolving environmental as well as other problems.

I believe this conference, with the participation of outstanding speakers, will greatly contribute to the effort of resolving the environmental problems. I wish every success to the distinguished participants.

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**Hayri Kozakcioglu** was born in Turkey, in 1938. After his graduation from the Ankara University's Faculty of Political Science, he entered the Interior Ministry as a candidate for District Governorship. He served as Governor in several districts. He was appointed as an Inspector of the Ministry of the Interior in 1970 and later became the Chief Inspector. Following studies in security affairs in Britain, he served as the Security Chief of Istanbul. After 1980, he served successively as Governor of Adana; Governor of Sakarya; Governor of Diyarbakir and Governor of Southeast Region. Since August 1991, he has been appointed as the Governor of Istanbul.