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The completion of projects like Southeastern Anatolia Project (GAP), Eastern Anatolia Project (DAP) and Konya Plain Project by accelerating economic development and social development through reduction of the relative development differences, improvement of the productivity and the employment in the rural areas, is one of our Government's goals and priorities to serve the national development goals such as social stability and economic growth.

Above mentioned projects, include projects and activities in agriculture, industry, energy, transportation, tourism, rural and urban infrastructure, education, and health industries.

Our government has prepared GAP Action Plan to ensure the majority of GAP project to be completed and planned investments to be operable within 5 years. During the preparation of the action plan the region has been analyzed, meetings have been conducted with non-governmental organizations, trade associations, local governments, and government organizations, to collectively gather requests and suggestions about GAP region and surroundings, and these requests and suggestions have been evaluated.

For DAP, Konya Plain Project and other projects, previously prepared Regional Development Plans and 2008 Annual Investment Programme has been used as a basis to select projects to be prioritized and accelerated by public institutions and organizations .

It is very important to complete these projects, mainly GAP, DAP and Konya Plain Project, in the next period In order to achieve above mentioned goals and objectives, following rules and principles needs to be applied.

1. During the implementation phase of the projects, a very effective coordination among all related parties needs to be created, and local officials, especially governors need to be taking every precaution to improve and accelerate the progress.
2. The responsible agencies which are listed by the GAP Action Plan will prepare their yearly budgets and work plans by prioritizing those projects listed or involved in the Action Plan.

3. Agencies which are responsible from implementation and allocations of resources, will set aside additional resources for Action Plan projects without any cutbacks from their regular daily operations and services. In order to timely implement and effectively run the Action Plan, additional resources and personnel will be granted.

4. Irrigation investments like main canals in Action Plan which are initially awarded, and roads, other transportation infrastructures, industrial zones, educational organizations, and urban infrastructures which are expected to help improve regional economy in the short term will be prioritized and quickly completed. The irrigation networks planned parallel with completion of main canals will be considered and completed by projects through bilateral cooperation and public-private partnerships. Within the scope of this work, to ease the financing of the project, a proper model which includes the farmers in the region will be developed.

5. Every precaution to reduce the cost of the projects will be taken into measure (redesigning the leftover works, and re-opening bidding process for these) and the completion time of the projects will be shortened.

6. Adequate expropriation funds will be made available in time and prioritized, required consolidation and on-farm development works will be planned parallel to the irrigation projects.

7. With new legal regulations will protect general investment levels, adequate funds will be assigned in the annual budget and if required additional funds will be easily made available, for the specified and prioritized projects.

8. Annual funds will be made available with considerations of the working conditions of the region. The additional loan requests will be finalized quickly.

9. Involved agencies will complete all required engineering and project works related to the GAP in time without interrupting the work load of these projects.

10. Governors will be effectively involved and assume responsibility in the assesment, implementation and coordination or requirements of the activities involved in Action Plan mainly the social development.

The GAP Regional Development Administration is the agency responsible for the **monitoring, evaluation and coordination** of the GAP Action Plan. Revision of the Action Plan according to the needs is the responsibility of the GAP Higher Council. **Implementation** of the plan is the responsibility of **all public institutions and organisations** included in the Action Plan. Governors in the region will closely monitor the progress, asses the issues, and report to the GAP Regional Development Administration to be submitted to the GAP Higher Council

The monitoring, assesment, and coordination of projects involved in DAP, Konya Plain Project will handled by Prime Ministry State Planning Organization. To timely complete the chosen and specified projects along with the GAP Action plan and 2008 Annual Investment Programme, I hereby strongly request all your support and facilitation in regards to the

funding, planning, detailing of the projects to the agencies and organizations listed above to complete their works and projects.

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