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H.E. Dr. Robert Habeck, Vice Chancellor and Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Climate Action of Germany ;
H.E. Prof. Dr. Ömer Bolat, Minister of Trade of Türkiye

German Vice Chancellor and Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Climate Action H.E. Dr. Robert Habeck headed a German delegation to Ankara from 25th to 27th October 2023, attending the Türkiye-Germany Joint Economy and Trade Commission (JETCO) together with his counterpart H.E. Prof. Dr. Ömer Bolat, who has been Turkish Minister of Trade since June 2023, as well as the 5th Turkish-German Energy Forum together with H.E. Alparslan Bayraktar, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources. He also met with Minister of Finance H.E. Mehmet Şimşek. In recent months, both countries have emphasised their mutual aim to optimise bilateral cooperation, particularly in the areas of trade, industrial cooperation, tourism and infrastructure as well as in the development of concrete projects.

Various NUMOV members and German enterprises participated and presented themselves during the visit, including at JETCO on

26th October, which started with working groups and a private sector session co-chaired by H.E. Stefan Wenzel, State Secretary at the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action, and H.E. Mustafa Tuzcu, Deputy Minister of Trade of Türkiye, who oversaw the four working groups, focusing on trade, industry and tourism respectively as well as a working group on third-country cooperation in infrastructure, transportation and logistics. This session was followed by a bilateral meeting of H.E. Dr. Robert Habeck and H.E. Prof. Dr. Ömer Bolat, who opened and co-chaired the JETCO session, proceeding to introduce a variety of speakers on the state of Turkish-German bilateral economic relations. They concluded the meeting by signing the JETCO minutes, which focused on mutual trade, updating the Customs Union, the European Green Deal and visa applications, formalising the latest cooperation plans.

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