

# Rules of the **game are changing** with the new Turkish Trade Law

Stating that they are working to have the new Turkish Trade Law to go into operation in July, TOBB President M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu said, "The ambiguities in the law must be resolved in order to have everyone be comfortable with it. Our goal is make the final adjustments which will facilitate adaptation of the law without changing the spirit of the basic principles of transparency and accountability.




# Hisarcıklıoğlu, **"Approximately 50 clauses** of the new Turkish Trade Law are in need of revision"

Speaking at the New Turkish Trade Law Education Meeting in Konya, TOBB President M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu stated that approximately 50 clauses in the new TTK are in need of revisions and that they want the new TTK to go into effect in July once all the clauses that are the matter of contention have been resolved.

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# The 7 richest countries of the **Islamic world met in Istanbul**

Speaking at the 1st Turkey - Gulf Cooperation Council Business Forum held in cooperation between TOBB, the Federation of Gulf Cooperation Council Chambers and the Gulf Cooperation Council, TOBB President and ICCI Vice President M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu pointed out the importance of developing the transportation networks which will connect Gulf countries and Turkey to each other and the world at large.







# **Turkish - Arab** Businesswomen's Council established

As part of the 1st Turkey - Gulf Cooperation Council Business Forum, an agreement between the Arab Businesswomen's Council and TOBB Women Entrepreneurs' Council was signed regarding the establishment of the Turkish – Arab Businesswomen's Council. The agreement was signed by the Arab Businesswomen's Council President Hissah Saad A.A. Al-Sabah and TOBB Women Entrepreneurs' Council President Aynur Bektaş. The signing of the agreement was witnessed by TOBB President and ICCI Vice President M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu, Minister of Economy Zafer Çağlayan, Customs and Commerce Minister Hayati Yazıcı, FGCCC President Sheikh Saleh Kamel and GCC Deputy Secretary General Abdullah bin Juma Al-Shibli.

# New momentum in **Turkish - Czech cooperation**

Attending the Turkish – Czech Business Forum along with the President of the Czech Republic Klaus, President Gül pointed out that the businessmen of the two countries can cooperate and said, "Establish partnerships. Both here and in the Czech Republic; collaborate in another European country and even work together in lands further away. Let us prosper together."









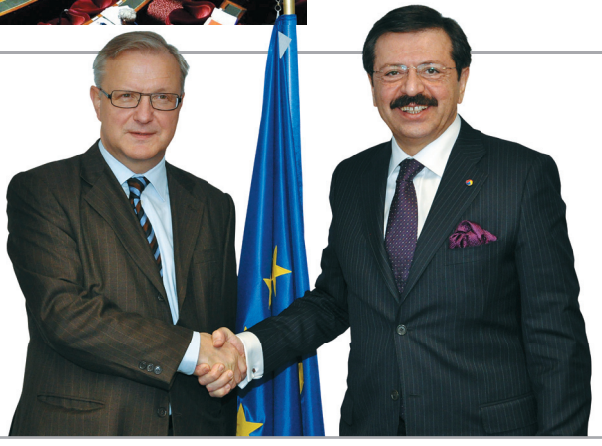
# TOBB President M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu: **A historical error has been prevented**



Assessing the French Constitutional Court's decision to cancel the law which made it illegal to refute the alleged Armenian genocide claims, TOBB President M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu said, "The French Constitutional Court has prevented a historical error by cancelling the bill of law which made it illegal to refute the genocide claims."

# TOBB is observing the developments in **Europe closely**

Meeting with the European Commissioner for Economic and Financial Affairs, Olli Rehn, TOBB President M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu reported having discussed the issues of the latest developments in Turkey's EU accession process, steps necessary to hasten negotiations, cooperation opportunities, EU's economic crisis and the measures taken.





# EU Energy Course of **Action 2050** and Turkey

Drawing attention to the possible occurrence of a global energy crisis and hinting at how Europe will face said crisis, EU Energy Course of Action 2050, EU's de-carbonization plan was announced. According to this, matters which will inevitably occupy EU's and Turkey energy agenda will be, in addition to fossil fuels, renewable and clean energy, energy efficiency, alternative fuels and support for R&D.