

### DoD Equities in Turkey

#### Historical Ties:

- Strong military to military ties. Has supported us in every war since Korea (and was a major participant in that war).
- Among NATO's strongest proponents. Maintains NATO's second largest military. Excellent progress in achieving NATO Defense Capabilities Initiative goals.
- A stabile, secular, democratic nation--among our strongest Muslim allies.

#### Strategic Importance to the U.S.:

- Lives in a "tough neighborhood," bordering:
  - Iran, Iraq and Syria to the east and southeast.
  - The volatile but energy-important Caucasus to the northeast.
  - The Balkans to the northwest.

