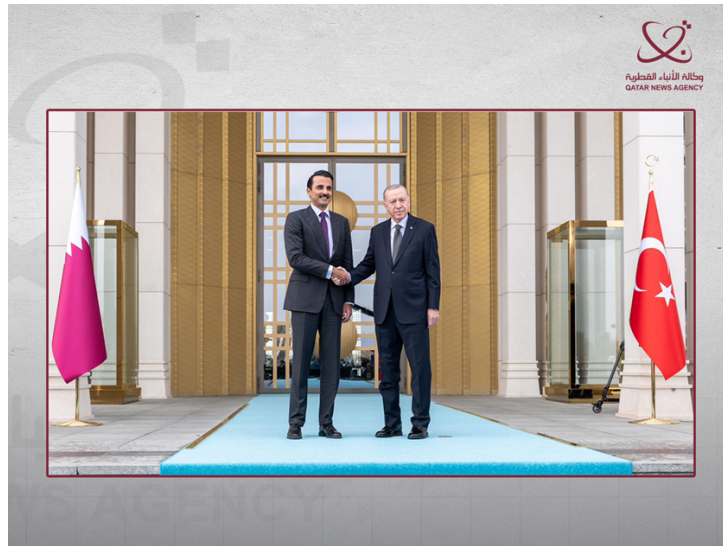

Joint Communiqué of 10th session of Supreme Strategic Committee between The State of Qatar, Republic of Türkiye



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Doha, November 15 (QNA) – In a significant step towards reinforcing their strong bilateral ties,

Qatar and Türkiye celebrated a decade of strategic partnership during the 10th session of the

Qatari-Turkish Supreme Strategic Committee in Ankara. The high-level meeting was co-chaired

by HH the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani and HE Turkish President Recep Tayyip

Erdoğan, highlighting their shared achievements and charting a course for future cooperation.

The Supreme Strategic Committee, established in 2014, serves as a pivotal platform for advancing collaboration across various sectors, from trade and defense to cultural and humanitarian initiatives. This year's session, held in the Turkish capital, emphasized the deep-rooted friendship and growing interdependence between the two nations.

The committee reviewed the remarkable progress achieved over the past decade, citing over 100 cooperation agreements spanning diverse fields. Both leaders acknowledged the transformative impact of these agreements on bilateral relations and pledged to pursue new initiatives to strengthen economic, cultural, and social ties.

Notable achievements included Türkiye's active participation in Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) summits under Qatar's leadership and the progress made in negotiations for a Türkiye-GCC Free Trade Agreement. The leaders expressed optimism that the agreement, once finalized, would create new opportunities for trade and investment, benefiting all stakeholders.

The session also focused on enhancing bilateral trade, with both nations setting an ambitious target to increase trade volume to \$5 billion in the coming years. The committee stressed the importance of diversifying trade relations and exploring untapped sectors, including renewable

energy, technology, and tourism.

Cultural and educational cooperation emerged as key areas for future collaboration. The two countries announced plans to establish Turkiye-Turkish Teaching Centers in Qatar, aimed at promoting the Turkish language and fostering cultural exchange. In addition, a new scholarship program was introduced for disadvantaged students from Islamic countries, reflecting their shared commitment to empowering future generations.

Both nations recognized the role of education and cultural exchange in building a strong foundation for long-term partnership. They also agreed to enhance collaboration between academic institutions, research centers, and cultural organizations to promote mutual understanding and shared values.

Defense cooperation has been a cornerstone of Qatar-Turkiye relations, with both countries working closely to address regional security challenges. The committee reaffirmed their commitment to deepening defense ties through joint military exercises, knowledge sharing, and participation in global exhibitions like IDEF'25, scheduled to be held in Istanbul.

Energy cooperation was another key focus, with discussions centered on expanding investments in natural gas and renewable energy projects. The leaders highlighted the importance of energy

security and sustainable development, emphasizing their shared vision for a greener and more resilient future.

The session underscored the importance of humanitarian and environmental efforts, with both nations reaffirming their commitment to global sustainable development goals. Qatar and Turkiye have a long history of collaboration in disaster relief, refugee assistance, and post-conflict reconstruction, and they pledged to continue working together to address pressing humanitarian challenges.

Climate action was another area of shared interest, with both countries emphasizing the need for collective efforts to combat climate change. The committee discussed joint initiatives to promote renewable energy, reduce carbon emissions, and protect natural resources, aligning with their national and international climate goals.

The meeting also addressed critical regional and global issues, with a particular focus on the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Gaza. Both leaders called for an immediate ceasefire and urged all parties to adhere to international laws and principles of justice. They reiterated their support for Palestinian independence, emphasizing the need for a just and lasting solution to the conflict.

The session highlighted the importance of dialogue and diplomacy in resolving regional disputes, with both nations advocating for peaceful solutions to conflicts in Syria, Libya, and Afghanistan.

They also discussed the role of multilateral organizations, such as the United Nations and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, in promoting stability and development in the region.

The 10th session of the Qatari-Turkish Supreme Strategic Committee marked a significant milestone in the bilateral relationship between Qatar and Turkiye. Over the past decade, the committee has served as a dynamic platform for fostering cooperation and achieving shared goals.

The leaders expressed their satisfaction with the outcomes of this year's session, emphasizing the enduring strength of their partnership and their shared commitment to building a brighter future for their nations and the region. The session concluded with a joint communique, outlining the key agreements and initiatives discussed and reaffirming their mutual determination to deepen ties across all sectors.

The strategic dialogue between Qatar and Turkiye is a testament to their strong bilateral ties and shared vision for progress and development. As they celebrate a decade of partnership, both nations are poised to achieve new milestones and set an example of cooperation and mutual respect for the international community.

This landmark session not only highlights the achievements of the past but also paves the way for a future of even stronger collaboration, addressing global challenges and creating opportunities for growth and prosperity.