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Learning of the effects of the powerful earthquakes in Turkey last night and today, which, by causing damage and explosions, have also impaired the natural gas transmission infrastructure, Transgaz, the largest TSO in the Central and South-Eastern Europe, comprehends the meaning of damages to the National Transmission System, particularly during the winter and, therefore, it would like to express its full support to the BOTAS colleagues, the company operating and maintaining the natural gas transmission infrastructure in Turkey, which is also essential for the transit of natural gas from the Caspian Sea Region to Europe.

Considering the close cooperation between Transgaz and BOTAS based on the Memorandum of Understanding concluded a year ago on the joint participation in projects for the diversification of gas supply routes and for the increase in energy security, in order to remedy such damage as a matter of urgency, Transgaz manifests its full readiness for its technical intervention teams to help repair the damage caused to the gas transmission infrastructure, the teams being prepared to directly travel to the site for this purpose.

Transgaz' Director-General, Mr. Ion Sterian, sent a letter in the course of today to Mr. Mr. Alparslan Bayraktar - Deputy Minister of Energy and Natural Resources and Mr. Burhan Özcan, Chairman of the Board and General Manager of BOTAŞ PETROLEUM PIPELINE CORPORATION, expressing his full commitment for Transgaz' specialists to immediately travel to Turkey to help remedy the damage the earthquakes which struck Turkey caused to the gas transmission system. Mr. Burhan Özcan has replied by expressing his gratitude for Transgaz' solidarity and support.

On behalf of Transgaz, Director-General Ion Sterian extends his deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences to the families of those who lost their lives in the earthquakes and conveys his hope for the swift recovery of the persons injured.



(Photo published by Turkish televisions showing a fire caused by the damage to the gas network)

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