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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDİNG SİGNED BETWEEN ASSOCİATİON OF INTERNATİONAL FORWARDİNG AND LOGİSTİCS SERVİCE PROVİDERS (UTIKAD) AND THE SUPPORT ASSOCİATİON LOGİSTİCS ALLİANCE**

**We are pleased to announce the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Association of International Forwarding and Logistics Service Providers (UTIKAD) and the Support Association Logistics Alliance Germany e. V. (FV LAG).**

The MoU was signed on June 3, 2022 and provides the basis for a fruitful cooperation between the two associations. Through this MoU, we express our willingness to develop the logistics of tomorrow together and to work in several areas to contribute to the cooperation between Turkish and German logistics companies. This will include the cooperation of the parties in the field of digitalization trends of the logistics industry, the support of developments of intermodal transport solutions between Turkey and Germany as well as the cooperation in the field of vocational training systems, standards and qualifications by exchange of knowledge.

Commenting on the signature of the MoU, the Chief Advisor of the FV LAG, Stefan Schröder, said: “the development of innovative and sustainable solutions for logistics of the future needs cooperation of strong partners. The MoU represents a key step in the path of cooperation between our associations, to contribute to an open and long-lasting dialogue”.

The UTIKAD president, Ayşem Ulusoy, added: “close cooperation between our associations is essential to enable the development of innovative logistics solutions for the future. The MoU sets a clear framework to foster an ambitious cooperation. We look forward to cooperating with the Support Association LAG on topics of mutual interest and on establishing bilateral relationships.”

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***About UTIKAD;***

*UTIKAD (Association of International Forwarding and Logistics Service Providers), established in 1986, represents road, air, sea, rail, combined transport and logistics service providers companies in Turkey and at international arena as the most important and active association in Turkish Logistics Industry. UTIKAD is the national representative of Turkey in FIATA (International Federation of Freight Forwarders Association) which is the largest non-governmental organization in the field of transportation and logistics in the world. Separately, UTİKAD is an observer member of European Association For Forwarding, Transport, Logistics and Customs Services (CLECAT), and founder member of ECO Logistics Providers Associations Federation (ECOLPAF).*

***About FV LAG:***

*Logistics Alliance Germany (LAG) is a public-private alliance between the Federal Ministry of Digital and Transport and the German logistics industry. The aim of the initiative is to promote Germany as a logistics location abroad. Companies in the logistics industry have joined the support association Logistics Alliance Germany e.V. in order to promote Germany as a logistics location in the interest of all logistics players and to broaden and strengthen marketing measures. The federal government supports the goals of the association.*