



MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS OF THE
REPUBLIC OF TÜRKİYE

DIRECTORATE GENERAL
FOR DIPLOMATIC
ARCHIVES



Our Tasks and Responsibilities

- To preserve the **Ministry's archival materials** as well as managing and developing the archival system.
- To preserve and classify the **agreements** concluded with other states and international bodies.
- To establish **Declassification Commissions** and organize their activities.
- To manage the **Library** of the Ministry and other tasks.
- To carry out chronological and thematical **publication studies**.



Archive Building



The Archive Building started operating in **March 2012**.



Archive Building



The building was specifically designed and built for the archives. It has 6,600 m² of storage space as well as an area of 1,384 m² dedicated for offices.



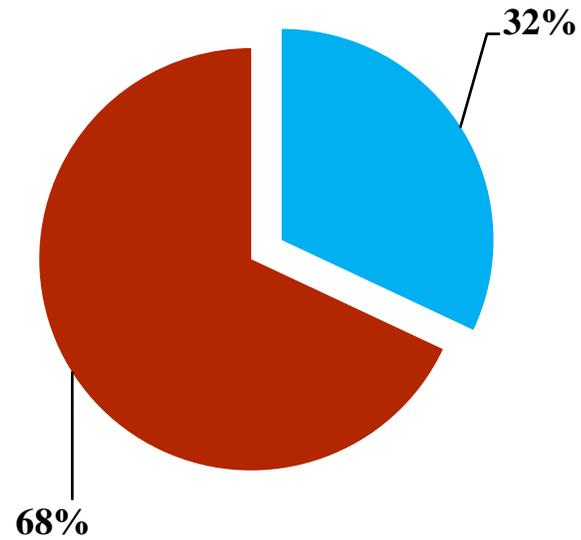
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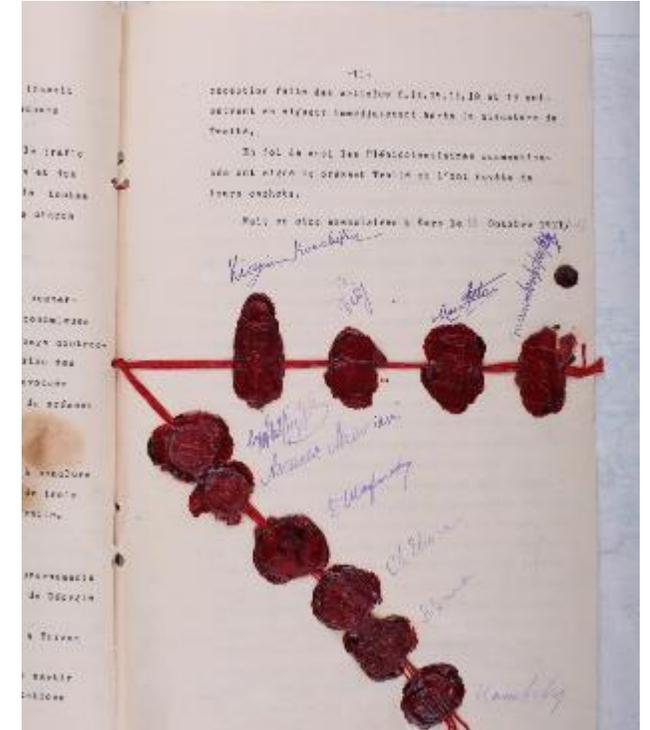
The building has 32 storage rooms, 18 of which are furnished with compact shelves and equipped with modern protective systems.



Composition of Diplomatic Archives



- Administrative Matters (32%)
(Protocol, consular affairs, civil status, staff correspondence, etc.)
- Political and Economic Matters (68%)



Archive Automation Project

- Within the framework of the Archive Automation Project, the first phase of which was completed between 2015 and 2020, all documents in our Archives were digitized.
- The second phase-second stage of the Project was initiated in 2021 and has been ongoing since. 33 personnel, including Ottoman and French language specialists, carry out classification and indexing of the digitized documents.
- It is one of the most comprehensive archive projects of our Republic.



Physical preservation of the documents



- We protect our archives with cutting edge **conditioning**, fire fighting, and compact shelf systems.
- Archival materials are preserved in **acid-free boxes**.
- Each box is **barcoded**. The barcode system allows easy and fast access to a document sorted from the digital archive.



Our Works within the Scope of e-Archive Project

- For the Diplomatic Archive Information System where digital copies of the archival materials are stored, a system with a larger data storage and backup capacity which is operated by state-of-the-art archiving technology was procured using the investment allocated for the year 2021.



Transcription of Documents from Ottoman to Turkish

- Documents between 1919 and 1928 are in Ottoman Turkish.
- 540 thousand pages of Ottoman documents, corresponding to 95 million Ottoman characters, from 1919 to 1928, were transcribed into Turkish.



Türkiye Cumhuriyeti
Prag Elçiliği
Aded

Umûmî 425
Husûsî 351

Hâriciye Vekâleti Celîlesine

Türkiye sefir-i kebiri olarak tayin edilen İngiltere'nin bura sefiri Mr. Clark dün Londra'dan geldi. Kendisi ile bugün görüştüm. Çok nazik ve mütefit davrandı. Türkiye'ye gideceğinden dolayı derin bir memnûniyet izhâr ediyordu. Türkiye ile olan a'nevî münasebât-i dostaneyi inkişâf ettirmeye çalışacağından dolayı bahtiyâr olduğunu, temeddüne doğru şayan-ı takdir bir cehd ile ilerleyen yeni Türkiye'nin çok (enteresan) olduğunu, demokratik esâsât üzerine yeni teşekkül eden Türkiye Cumhuriyeti'nde çalışmaya başlarken beş sene evvel yeni doğan ve teessüs eden Çekoslavakya'ya geldiği zamanki vaziyetini düşündüğünü ve bu iki vaziyet arasında müşâbehet gördüğünü burada mesâfisinde muvaffak olduğunu zannettiğini Türkiye'de de aynı suretle çalışarak muvaffak olacağını ve mevcûd dostluğu ve samimi münasebâtı tezyid etmeğe gayret edeceğini söyledi. Bu seneli bütçemizin tevzin edilmesini çok şâyân-ı takdir bulduğunu ve tevâzzünün müstakbel inkişâf-ı mâlî ve iktisâdîmiz için ondan sonra İngiltere'ye gidecek ve tekrar veda için buraya gelerek buradan memleketimize azîmet edecektir. Teşrîn-i evvel nihayetlerine doğru İstanbul'da bulunabileceğini tahmin etmektedir. Efendim.

10 Ağustos 1926
Prag Elçisi



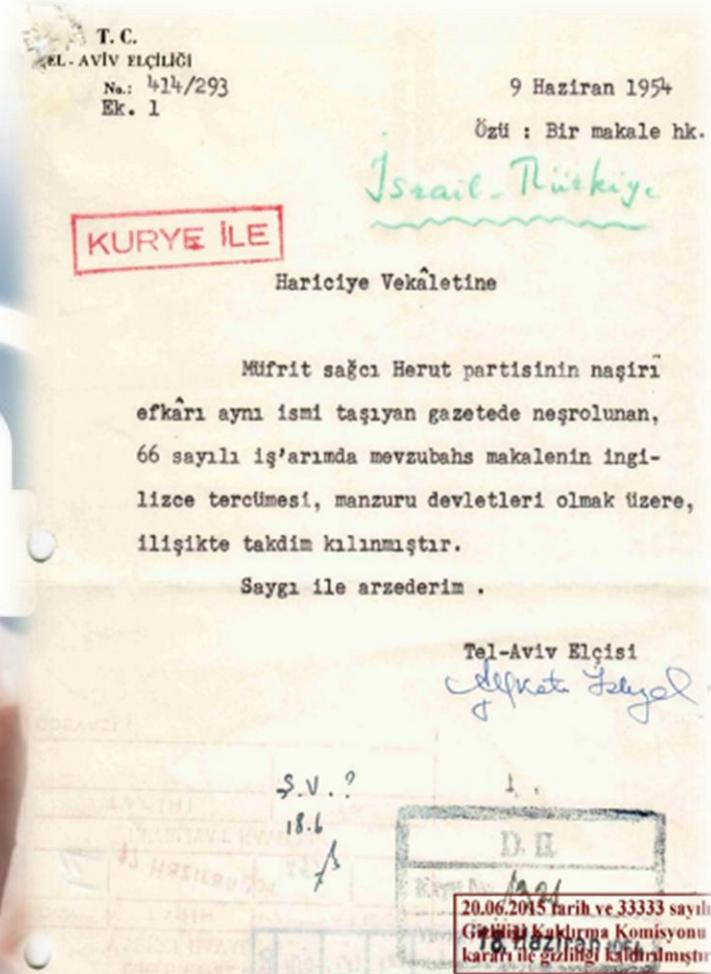
Declassification Commissions

Declassification Commissions of Ambassadors operate actively.

More than 750 thousand documents have been analyzed by Declassification Commissions.

Declassified documents are made available for researchers along with public and unclassified documents via BETSİS.

Since 2019, 315,807 documents 898,938 pages were transferred to Directorate of State Archives of the Presidency of the Republic of Türkiye, covering the years 1919-1958 for the archive group of 81 countries.



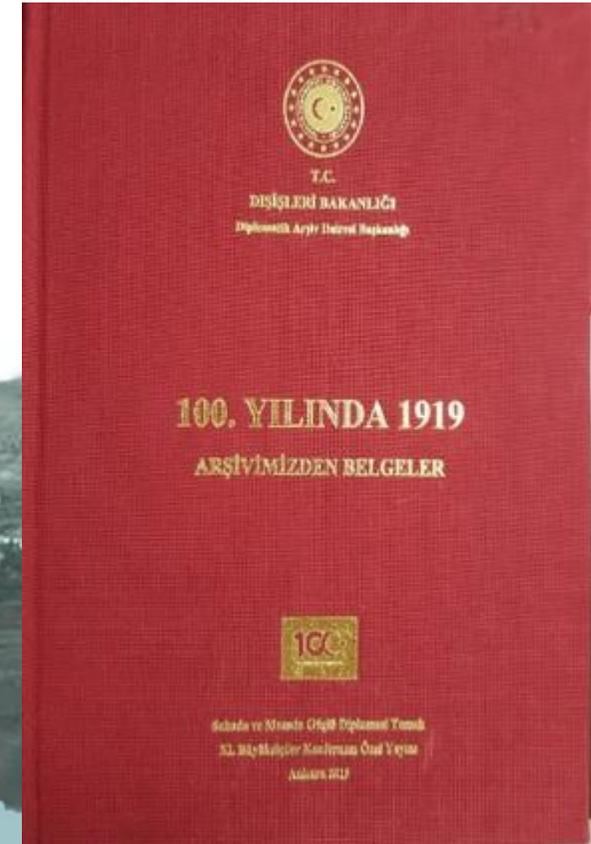
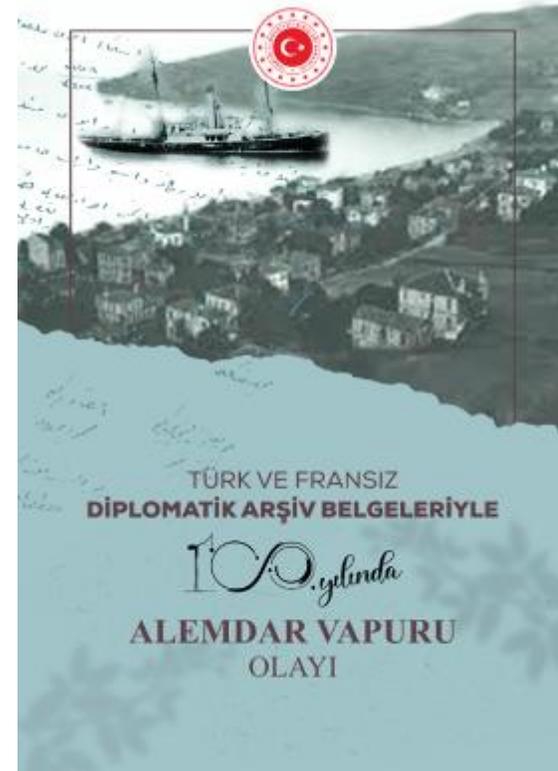
Research on Diplomatic Archives

- The webpage of our archive has been accessible through <http://diad.mfa.gov.tr> since 2019.
- Our webpage enables the researchers to analyze our archival materials through access to the **system of the State Archives of the Presidency of Republic of Türkiye** via **BETSİS**.
- Our new publications are uploaded to our webpage as **e-books**.
- Some publications of our Ministry covering the years 1953 to 2000 (Günce, Belleten and 50th Anniversary special publications) have been uploaded to our page as e-books.



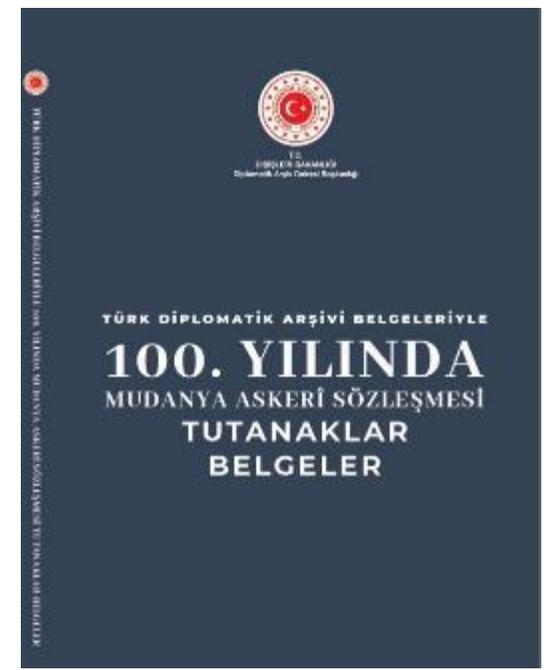
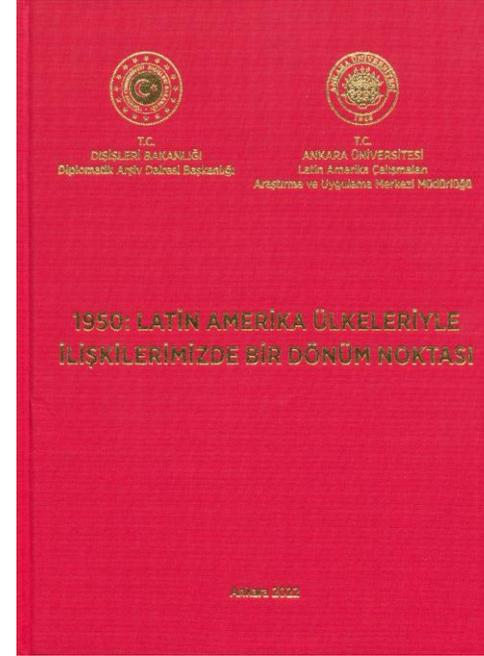
Publications of the Turkish Diplomatic Archives

- *100. Yılında 1919: Arşivimizden Belgeler* [1919 at the 100th Anniversary: Documents from our Archive]
- *Türk ve Fransız Diplomatik Arşiv Belgeleriyle 100. Yılında Alemdar Vapurunu Olayı* [100th Anniversary of Alemdar Warship with Turkish and French Diplomatic Archive Documents]



Publications of the Turkish Diplomatic Archives

- *1950: Latin Amerika Ülkeleriyle İlişkilerimizde Bir Dönüm Noktası* [1950: The Cornerstone of Diplomatic Relations between Türkiye and Latin American Countries]
- *Türk Diplomatik Arşiv Belgeleriyle 100. Yılında Mudanya Askeri Sözleşmesi Tutanaklar Belgeler* [100th Anniversary of Mudanya Armistice, Proceedings of Mudanya Convention with Turkish Diplomatic Archive Documents]
- *Türkiye-Slovenya Diplomatik İlişki Tesisinin 30. Yıldönümü* [30th Anniversary of the Establishment of Turkish-Slovenian Diplomatic Relations]



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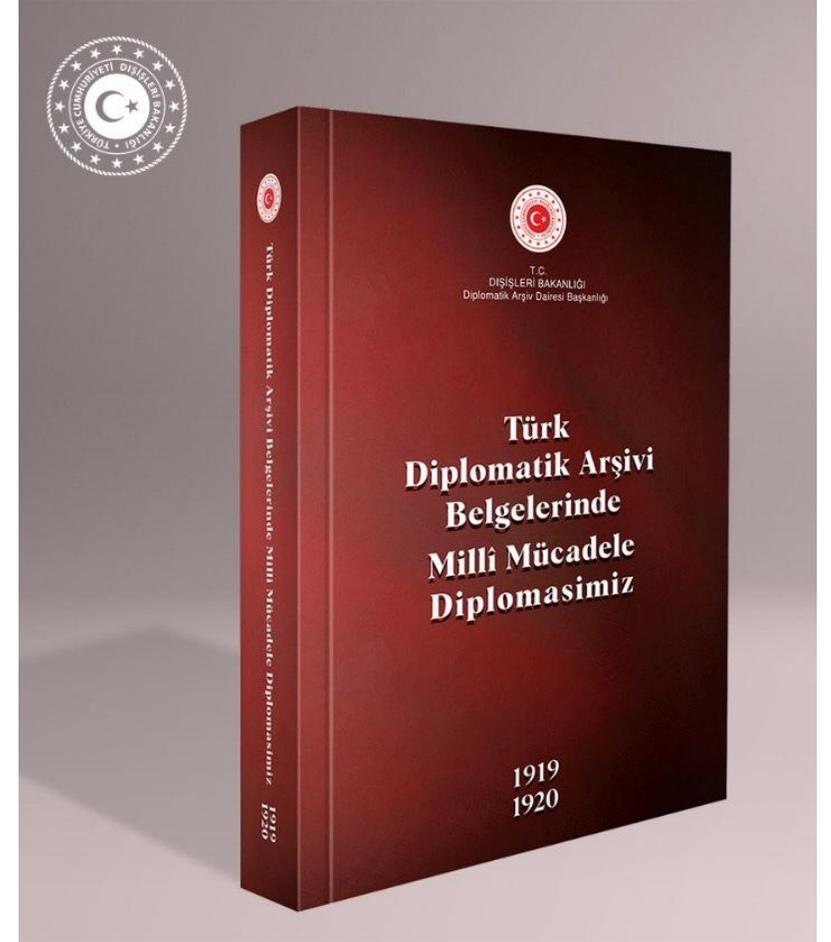
- *Türk ve Fransız Diplomatik Arşiv Belgeleriyle 100. Yılında 1921 Ankara Anlaşması* [Centenary of Ankara Agreement (1921) with Documents of Turkish and French Diplomatic Archives]
- *Türk Diplomatik Arşivi Belgelerinde Filistin: 1922-1948* [Palestine in Turkish Diplomatic Archive Documents: 1919-1948]



Publications of the Turkish Diplomatic Archives

- *Türk Diplomatik Arşivi Belgelerinde Millî Mücadele Diplomasimiz (1912-1920)*

[Our Diplomacy during the Period of National War in Documents of Turkish Diplomatic Archives]



Library of the MFA

“Ömer Haluk Sipahioğlu Library” has

- a reading hall for 130 people, an area of 415 m²
- a book selection of 727 m² (the hall was allocated for the Archive Project as of 2014; thus, a closed storage system was opted instead of the formerly used open shelf system for book selection).

with a collection of

- 21,188 printed books, and
- 252 e-books.

encompassing publications in

- Turkish foreign policy, international law, international relations, history, reference books, and 1,620 rare books.



International Cooperation

- Turkey was represented in the last four International Conferences of Editors of Diplomatic Documents (ICEDD). The most recent ICEDD was the 16th Conference held in Warsaw on 8-12 June 2022. A delegation from our Directorate General will attend 17th ICEDD to be held in Rome. Joint publications are published in collaboration with ICEDD.
- Many foreign institutions and delegations have visited our archives so far.



International Cooperation

- MoUs on cooperation in the field of Diplomatic Archives were signed with 26 countries.

Albania, Afghanistan, Benin, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Burundi, Chad, Dominican Rep., Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Gabon, Iran, Katar, Turkish Rep. of Northern Cyprus, N. Macedonia, Kongo, Kosovo, Cuba, Maldives, Mali, Mongolia, Niger, Poland, Portugal, Tajikistan





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THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION



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