



MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY

DIPLOMATIC ARCHIVES

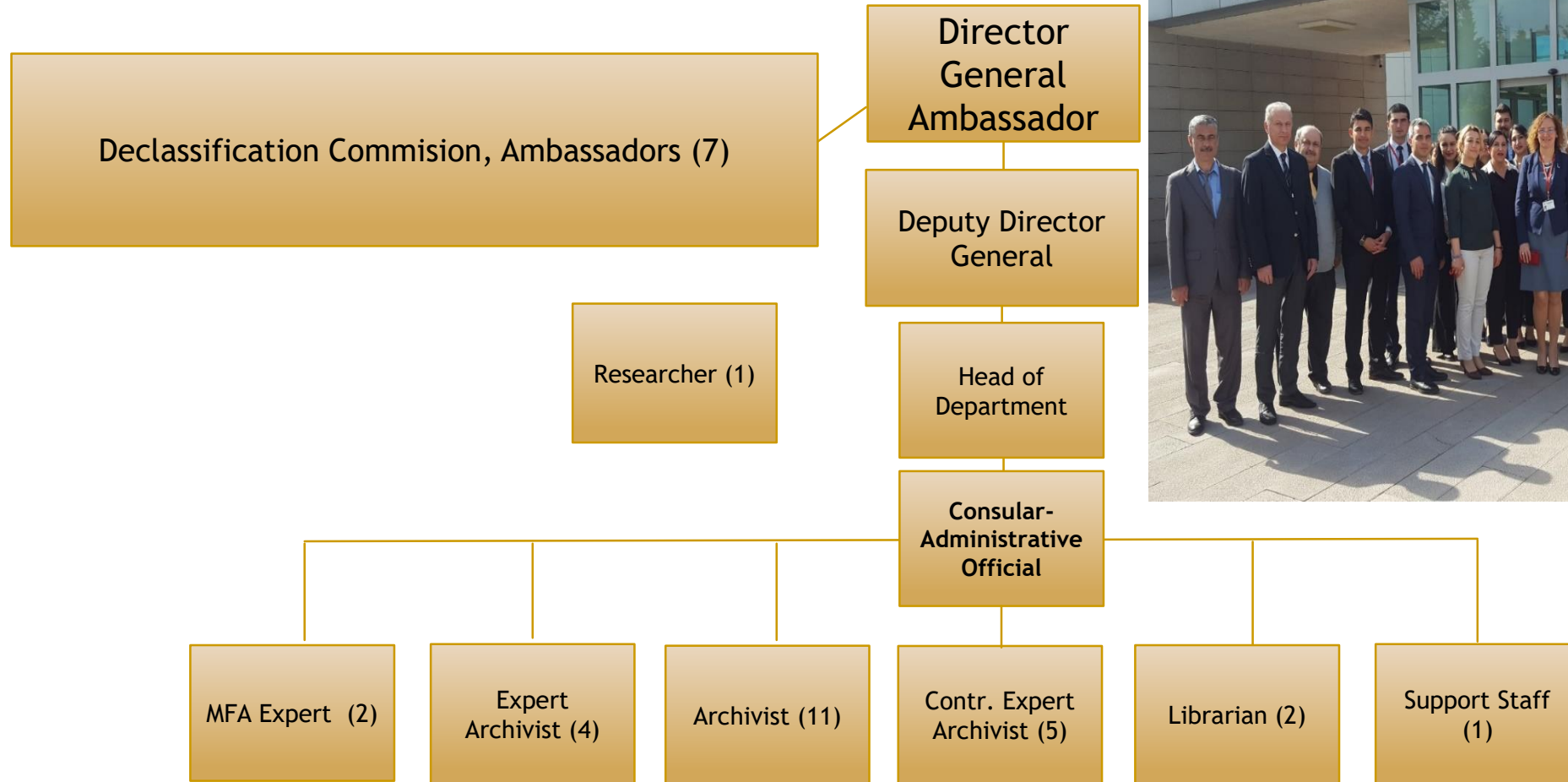


Our Tasks

- To **preserve and administer the Ministry's archival materials.**
- To **establish Declassification Commissions.**
- To **safekeep international agreements** signed by Turkey.
- To **manage the Library** of the Ministry (over 19 thousand books).



Personnel



Building



The Archive Building was completed in **March 2012**.



Building



The building designed and built for the archives has 6,600 m² of space for storage rooms and 1,384 m² for offices.



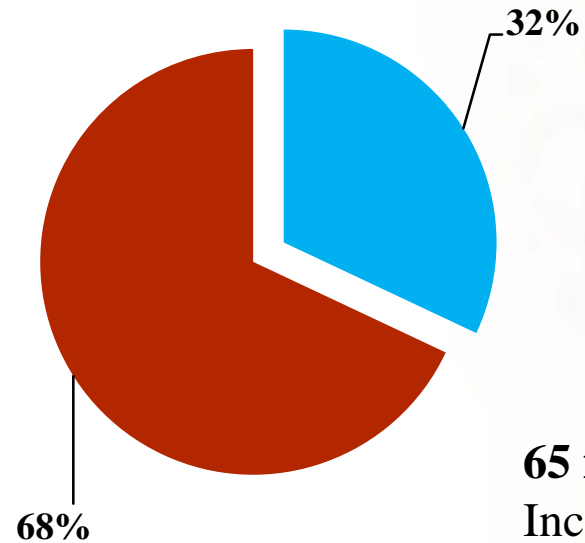
Building



The building has 32 storage rooms furnished with compact shelves and equipped with modern protective systems.



Composition of the Diplomatic Archives



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

65 million pages (estimated)
Incl. 9.000 various registry books

Diplomatic e-Archive Project

The Project **aims to digitize our archives**, to:

- conform with modern archiving standards
- enable fast, secure and easy access in digitized form
- make archival materials available for public and researchers



Diplomatic e-Archives Project

- **51 million pages were digitized** by the end of 2018.
- 200 thousand pages in Ottoman Turkish were transcribed into Turkish alphabet.
- The Project is ongoing in its fourth phase.



Diplomatic e-Archives Project

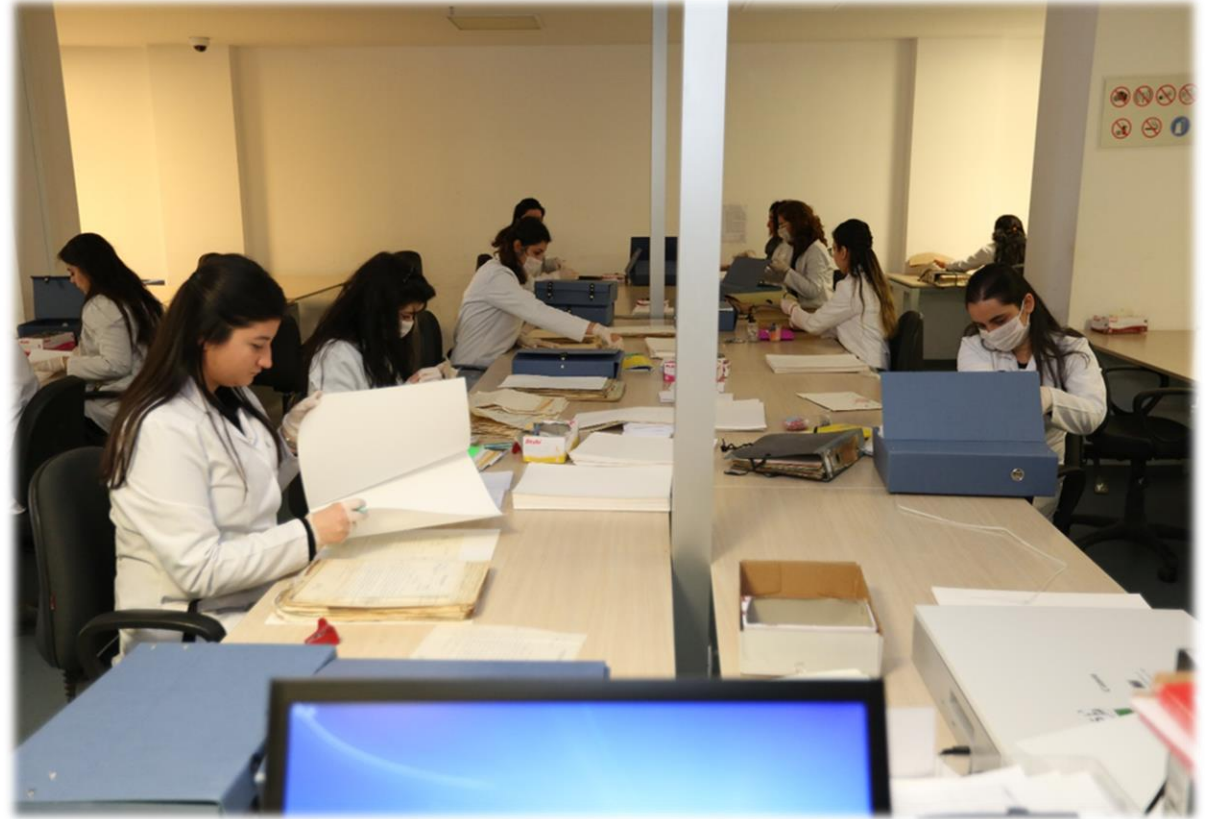


- Reading Hall of the Library has been temporarily turned into working stations.
- Software and hardware, office equipment and supplies have been procured.

Workflow - 1. Sortation Station

Documents

1. are cleaned physically,
2. are counted,
3. are placed in non-acidic folders.



Workflow - 2. Scanning Station



- The documents are digitized via sensitive and fast scanners in the scanning stations.

Workflow - 3. Indexing and Quality Assurance Station

- Scanned materials are indexed one by one, and catalogue data are registered.
- The accuracy of index data, the resolution and readability of digitized documents are checked during the quality assurance phase.



Storage of Documents



- Storage areas are equipped with **compact shelf systems**.
- Each box has a **barcode**.
- The **intelligent barcode system** enables easy and fast access to the original of any digitized document.

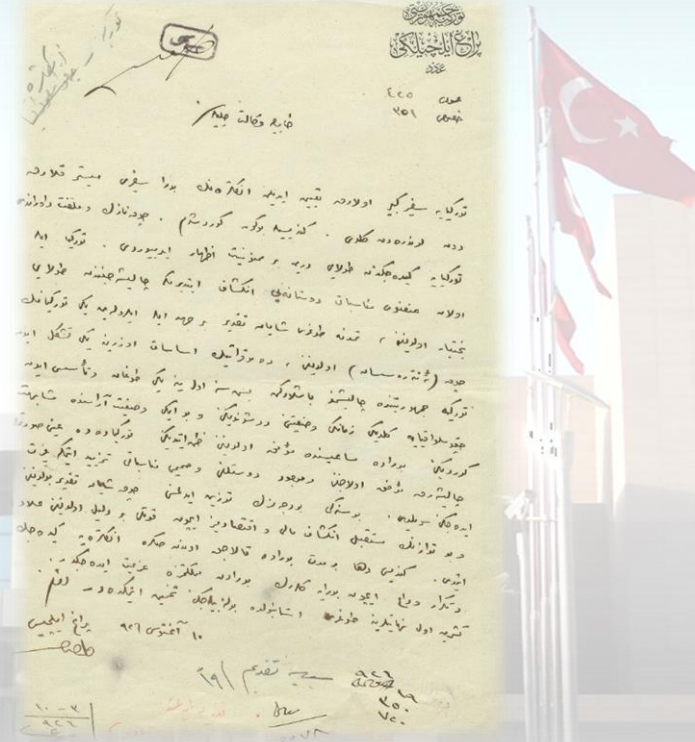
Diplomatic e-Archives Project

- Server, storage and backup units of the Project



Transcription of Documents from Ottoman Turkish

- Documents between 1919 and 1928 are in Ottoman Turkish.
- They amount to approximately 700.000 pages.
- These documents are transcribed to Turkish alphabet.



Türkiye Cumhuriyeti
Prag Elçiliği
Aded

Umûmî 425
Husûsî 351

Hâriciye Vekâleti Celîlesine

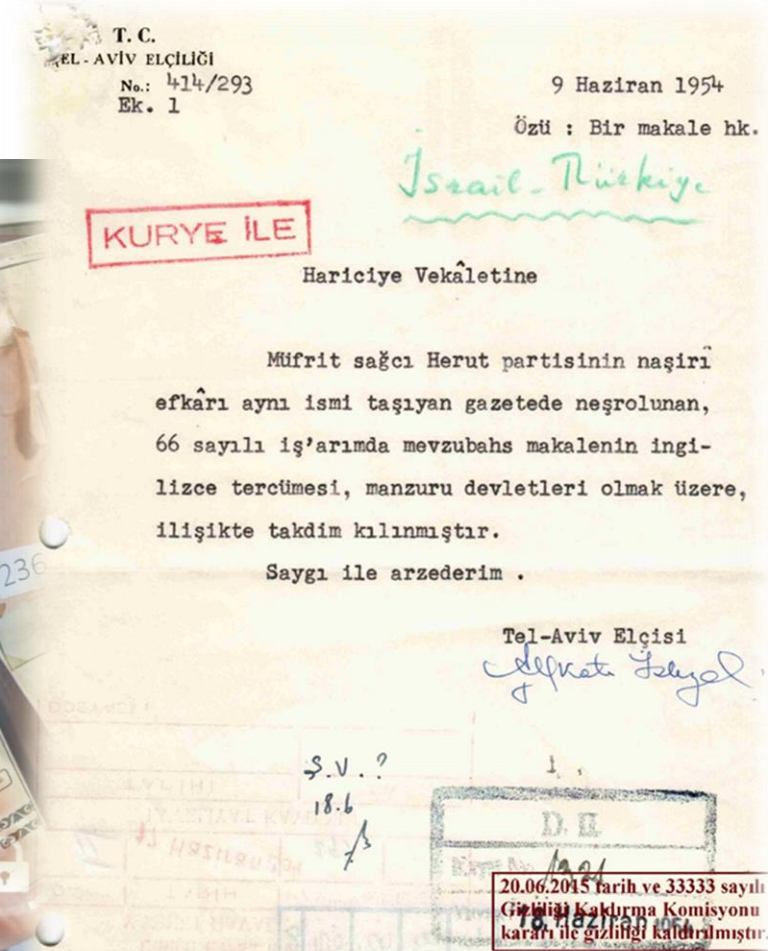
Türkiye sefir-i kebiri olarak tayin edilen İngiltere'nin bura sefiri Mr. Clark dün Londra'dan geldi. Kendisi ile bugün görüştüm. Çok nazik ve mültefit davrandı. Türkiye'ye gideceğinden dolayı derin bir memnûniyet izhâr ediyordu. Türkiye ile olan a'nevî münasebat-i dostaneyi inkişâf ettirmeye çalışacağından 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 mesâîsinde muvaffak olduğunu zannettiğini Türkiye'de de aynı suretle çalışarak muvaffak olacağını ve mevcûd dostluğu ve samimi münasebatı tezyid etmeğe gayret edeceğini söyledi. Bu seneli bütçemizin tevzin edilmesini çok şâyân-ı takdir bulduğunu ve tevâzzünün müstakbel inkişâf-ı mâlî ve iktisâdimiz 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



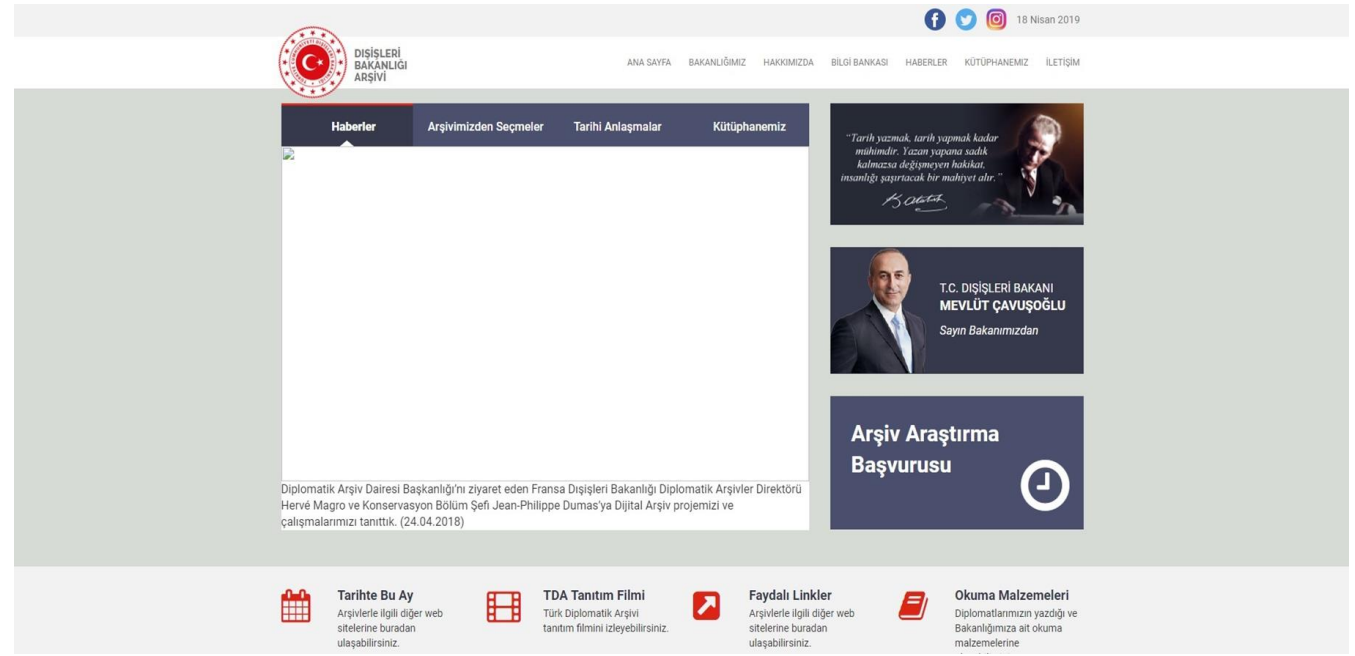
Declassification Commissions

- Declassification Commissions of Ambassadors have evaluated more than 150 thousand pages so far.
- Thousands of documents have been declassified and will be available for research.



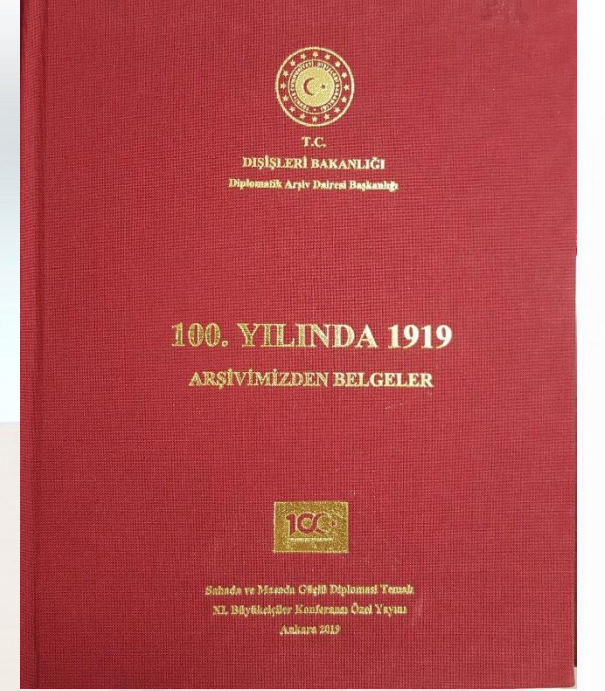
Research on Diplomatic Archives

- Our web site diad.mfa.gov.tr is in function since August 2019.
- Researchers are able to connect to the «**Document Search System**» through our web site.
- New publications as well as former publications of the MFA are available as **e-publications**.
- Historical documents and treaties will be online on their anniversaries.



Publications of the Turkish Diplomatic Archives

- As a result of our cooperation with **the academia**, we will publish archive series of documents from our diplomatic archives.
- **Archive Series** will include:
Palestine; Saadabad Pact of 1937; Tripartite Agreement of 1939 among others.
- We have marked the 100th Anniversary of the Turkish Independence Struggle with a special publication of documents of 1919.



The Library of the MFA

“Ömer Haluk Sipahioğlu” Library has

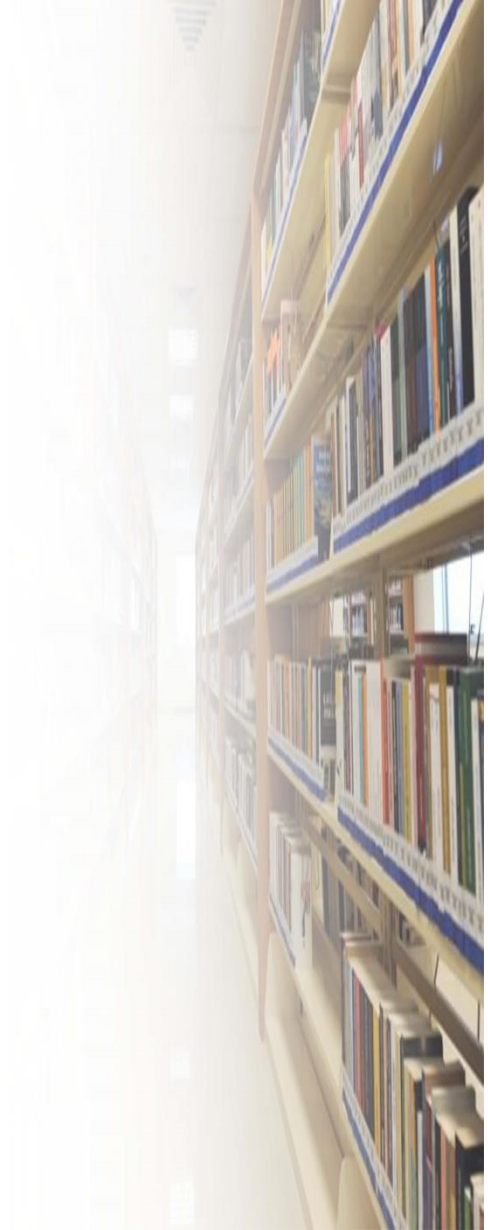
- Reading Hall for 130 people, an area of 415 m²
- Book section of 727 m² (currently in storage rooms)

with a collection of

- 19.460 printed books
- 252 e-publications.

encompassing publications in

- Turkish Foreign Policy, international law, international relations, history, reference books and **1.620 rare books.**



International Cooperation

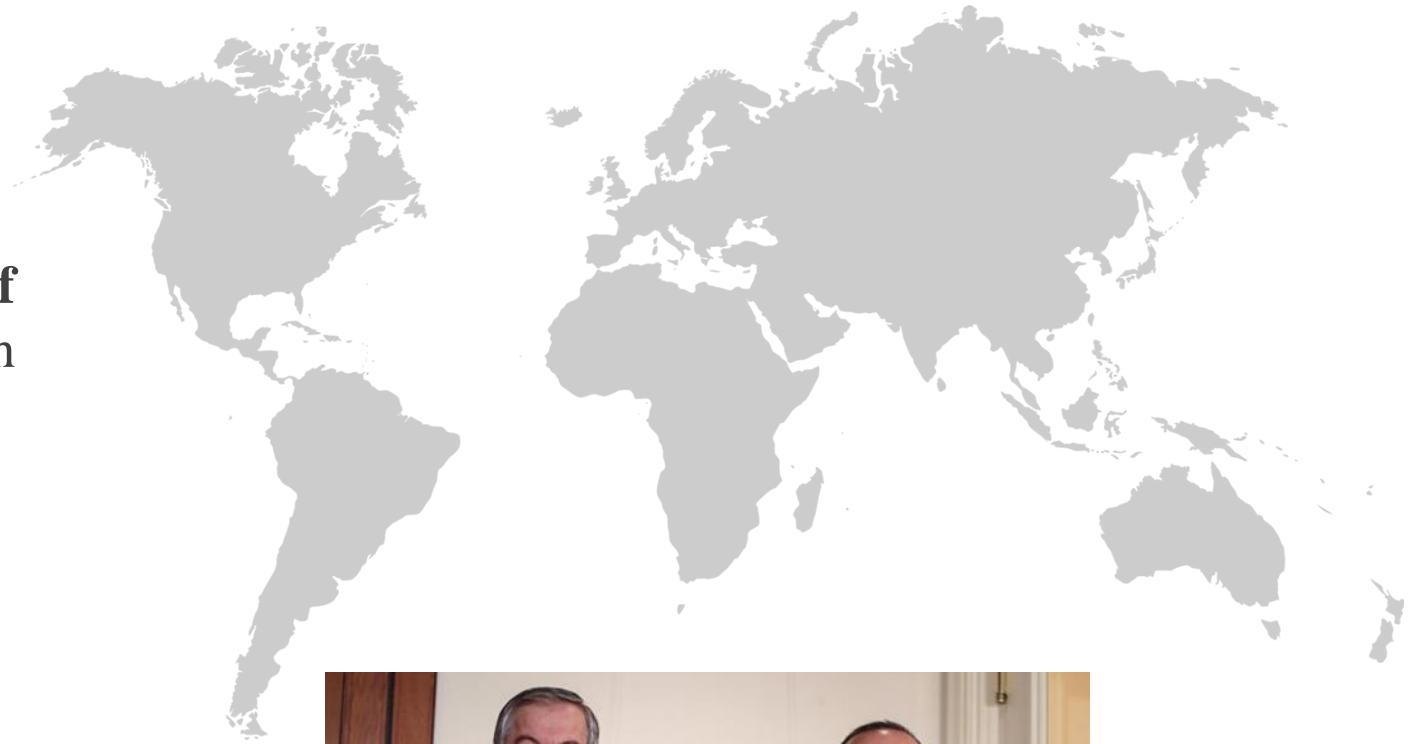
- **International Symposium** on «The Role of Archives in the Studies of Diplomacy and Foreign Policy» was held on 7-9 April 2016 in İstanbul.
- Turkey was represented at the «**International Conferences of Editors of Diplomatic Documents**». The 15th ICEDD was held in Berlin on 5-7 June 2019.
- **Diplomats and various ministries' and institutions' archive departments visit us** and benefit from our experience.



International Cooperation

- **MoUs on cooperation in the field of Diplomatic Archives** were signed with **19 countries**:

Afghanistan	Albania	Benin
Burundi	Chad	Ethiopia
Gabon	Gambia	Guinea
Maldives	Mali	Mongolia
Portugal	Poland	DR of Congo
N. Macedonia	Niger	Tajikistan
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Thank You for Your Attention



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