AHMET KURTCEBE ALPTEMOÇIN MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, TURKEY

Mr. Ahmet Kurtcebe Alptemoçin was born in Istanbul in 1940. He graduated from Middle East Technical University in Ankara in 1962 with a degree in mechanical engineering, followed by graduate work. Subsequently, he worked for various manufacturing concerns in the Federal Republic of Germany and in the city of Bursa, in southwestern Turkey. Mr. Alptemoçin was one of the founders of the Turkish Industrialists and Businessmen Association.

Mr. Alptemoçin was first elected to the Turkish Grand National Assembly (TGNA) in the general election of 1983 as a Motherland Party deputy for Bursa. He was appointed Minister of State in the first government of former Prime Minister Turgut Özal. After one year in the job, he was named Minister of Finance and Customs, a post he held until March 1989. On October 12, 1990, he was appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs by Prime Minister Yildirim Akbulut, succeeding Mr. Ali Bozer.

Mr. Alptemoçin is married to Mrs. Gülseren Alptemoçin. They have one son. In addition to his native Turkish, the Minister speaks English, German and Italian.

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