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Republican People's Party's Approach to Energy Policy

The classical notion of development has been replaced by “inclusive-sustainable growth” around the world as a result of depletion of natural resources, population growth, intensive use of fossil fuels, environmental problems and the resulting social impacts. Climate change is the outcome of increased greenhouse gases in the atmosphere due to rapid industrialisation and intensive use of fossil fuels and a challenge that needs to be addressed to achieve sustainable development.

As the Republican People's Party (CHP), sustainability, protecting ecosystems and inclusive development is at the heart of our energy policy. Implementing the climate change legislation nationwide and bringing strategies down to the sectoral and local level, conducting systematic assessments for climate risks, monitoring progress on climate adaptation are some of the areas where concrete steps are required. We are closely following all these issues.

As CHP, we believe that security of supply in energy generation and meeting energy needs from local and renewable sources are equally significant. We believe that it is important to align progress with international agreements such as the **United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals** and the **Paris Climate Agreement** and be part of a global solution for sustainable energy.

In this context, we advocate for the Grand National Assembly of Turkey to ratify the Paris Climate Agreement as soon as possible.

The headings under which the theme 'energy' is addressed in CHP programs are as follows:

- Prioritizing renewable energy investments, energy efficiency in buildings, below are some of the significant energy-related headings,
- Increasing energy generation from renewable energy sources,
- Introducing a legal obligation for thermal power plants to use environmentally-friendly and high efficiency technologies,
- Increasing the share of renewable resources in energy generation and resolving the issues of dependence on energy imports and energy security,
- Supporting R&D in energy generation technologies; implementing it through public-private-university partnerships,
- Implementing energy efficiency effectively in the industry and buildings, putting in place energy efficiency-related financial support mechanisms for households,
- Our priority with regard to nuclear energy is to safeguard “occupational safety and public health, risk management and our national interests” and to act in accordance with policies based on these parameters.
- Furthermore, CHP supports the **“Green Deal”**, which is a priority for the European Union, and considers the Green Deal to be a significant part of integration. CHP plans a development and growth model that is in line with the Green Deal.

Objectives and projects which prioritise energy and water efficiency, renewable energy generation, waste management and recovery and which aim to promote these issues at the

household level through local administrations were introduced ahead of the 2019 local elections. Today, the local administrations continue to implement this approach in their work.

Climate change and the proportions which environmental and social issues have reached exposes the reality that it is time for our economies to be structured around green themes.

Given this reality, areas such as:

- Replacing polluting sectors with clean manufacturing – circular economy,
- Effective-efficient use of water, raw materials and energy,
- Replacing fossil fuels with renewable energy investments, energy cooperatives,
- Sustainable infrastructure (smart, new and green cities, water management, clean-low carbon transport),
- Projects that support social inclusiveness and equality (such as women's employment)

form the basis of our energy policy.