



Dear Mr. Neradko and the delegation,

First of all, I would like to congratulate you and the Federal Air Transport Agency (FATA) under your leadership for the successful event, National Civil Aviation Infrastructure Forum & Show 2019, supported by the Ministry of Transport of Russian Federation.

The civil aviation relations between Russian Federation and Turkey dates back to 1967 when the first Air Transport Agreement was signed between two countries.

The developing relations between two friendly nations in reflected aviation sector, and now both countries and their national are enjoying this exemplary relations on civil aviation as well. Now Turkey is the most popular destination for our Russian friends for their leisure with its long and sunny summers, splendid dishes, warm seas and numerous touristic attractive. As I understood, the visa declaration yesterday will have great impact on the developments...

Today, I am proud to see that Turkey and Russian Federation is the biggest markets for each other in Air Transport Industry.

- Especially 2018 summer was a record period for the air transport relations between Turkey and Russian Federation. In 2018 Summer, around 20 Turkish and Russian Air Carriers materialized weekly around 400 scheduled flights between two countries, Russian Air Carriers contributed this number with charter flights to touristic destinations in Turkey and weekly around 1200 flights have been conducted between two countries in summer 2018.
- There is no doubt that these wonderful numbers are the indication of the goodwill and sincere relations between nations of two friendly countries.

I strongly believe that our relations with Russian Federation will be diversified in different field of aviation with our collaborated work with our Russian Colleagues.

As you know, we took a major step forward to enable our authorities to cooperate by signing the Working Arrangement last year in this beautiful city. By the working arrangement, we confidently set forth on our cooperation in the domain of airworthiness and develop our relations extensively. Moreover, the Russian-made helicopter, Kamov Ka-32, was imported to Turkey for the first time almost two months ago.

I strongly believe that attending these kind of activities either as participant or speaker will help us to strengthen our good relations. By doing so, maybe we can take a step further to support each other in the international area.

So we know there are more to come.

Furthermore, I am sure of that our enthusiasm will encourage our industries to cooperate even more than us. And the cooperation may not be limited to our industries, we can also look for new ways to bring together our universities that have aviation departments. The students and youth will shape the future of aviation and we can lead and help them on their way. Summer internships in the companies and student exchange programs will allow them to get familiarized and deepen the knowledge mutually.

To sum up, the Turkish DGCA is really glad to have this great collaboration with FATA and we look forward to extend the scope of our cooperation.

Thank you very much!