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ESAM [Economic and Social Researches Centre], first think-tank and strategy development centre in Turkey, has organized two important international symposiums in recent six months. First symposium was “Imperialism and First World War” that was organized in 7- 9 November 2014 in Istanbul. During respective Symposium, discussions focused on the gross burdens caused by the global imperialist powers on the humanity during entire 20th century including but not limited to First World War. The papers of this symposium that provides profound scientific assessment of these phenomena shall be compiled as a book and served to the disposal of the scientific world in a near future.

As a continuum of respective symposium and as a response to unceasing campaign of global imperialism against our country, we have organized “*Armenian Issue*” symposium in 18-19 April 2015 in capital Ankara with the participation of selective science people and intellectuals from different parts of the global.

Armenian Issue has been evaluated within the merits of science with its past, present and future during two days. Following conclusions have been derived at the end of the assessments and discussions conducted in symposium:

1. Our nation and Armenian community enjoyed a peaceful coexistence for about one thousand year interacting in every possible cultural and social aspect.
2. Enjoying just and tolerant governance understanding that Ottoman Empire practised for all of communities under its ruling, Armenians could preserve their identity and cultural values and they made significant contributions in all cultural and civilization fields ranging from the architecture to the arts feeling themselves as undeniable part of Ottoman society.
3. Such peaceful and prosperous environment that lasted until last quarter of 19th century was wiped out by the imperialist powers to use Armenians as instrument against Ottoman state to reach their own goals in the region and they paced grounds for mutual sufferings by seeding hatred and atrocity.

4. Fooled by the global imperialist actors, Hunchakian, Tashnak and other similar paramilitary Armenian organizations that did not refrain even exploiting their own community have evident guilt and sin for everything happened during respective period.
5. Commemorating its centenary this year, First World War had its impact in entire 20th century and resulted with torments and cruelty for humanity in five continents. It caused civil wars, regional wars, total war as well as ideological and political polarization as well as ongoing “Global Trauma” in the minds of the humanity. Serving as inspiration source and financier of the Zionism, capitalist western world has a gross responsibility on such traumatic experience of the humanity.
6. To sweep the mind of humanity and disguise their evil, global imperialist actors have turned to be devoted supporters of “Baseless Armenian Genocide” trying to mislead historical memory of humanity and put slander and implication on offspring the “Pax Ottomana”, offering of the civilization of peace.
7. These baseless allegations associated with 24th April 1915 aim to ponder our nation with contemporary universal values and norms as well as practising their sly plans and strategies for erasing from the memory of humankind what they had done in Africa, Central and Southern America and Asia throughout the years.
8. Growing up with the belief and moral saying “Killing a man means killing entire humanity”, establishing the philosophy of “Come whoever you are, either Christian, Zoroastrian or Pagan” and bestowing the humanity the rule of “Peace at home, peace in the world” our nation has no issue that cannot be faced in front of the history and humanity.
9. While calling our nation and state to face with the history, Pope in Vatican and European Parliament headquartered in Brussel reveal slyness of disguising the sufferings that it caused on the humanity.
10. In pursuit of our historical reasoning and national consciousness, we reject all accusations of the kind and we wish to assure all representatives of the world about determination and devotion to work for the peace and welfare of the entire humanity.

ESAM contributes social, economic and cultural development of our nation from the very first day of its foundation and tries to breed new generations equipped with national and moral values. I hereby give the assurance of continuing our efforts with the inspiration and excitement of the first day and I hereby share these scientific results of the symposium with the public and society.