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**First ICWA – TASAM India and Turkey Dialogue**

The Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA), in collaboration with the Turkish Asian Centre for Strategic Studies (TASAM), is organizing a day-long Dialogue on 21 January, 2013 to discuss the multiple dynamics and aspects of bilateral relationship between Turkey and India. This event is taking place while Turkey and the surrounding region is passing through a phase of social and political transformation. Its immediate neighbour Syria is in the midst of political and sectarian violence bearing deep strategic impact for the whole region.

TASAM is an Istanbul-based private think tank established in 2003. Like ICWA, TASAM, too, acts like a Track II forum in Turkey and is engaged in a host of strategic studies of national and international importance.

On the occasion of this proposed Dialogue, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) will also be signed between the two think tanks.

A five-member Turkish delegation headed by Mr. Suleyman Sensoy, Chairman, TASAM will visit India to participate in the Dialogue alongwith eminent Indian diplomats and academics to discuss strategic, political and economic issues of common interest. Both sides are expected to examine the future prospects of their bilateral relationship in the backdrop of the changes taking places in the region in general and in Afghanistan and Syria in particular. Apart from discussing the bilateral relations and the emergence of the post-Arab Spring new Arab world.

The ICWA delegation will be led by its Director General, Rajiv K. Bhatia.

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