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A total amount of \$15,4 billion has been spent in the frame of the activities, from 1985 up to date, conducted by Secretariat of Defense Industries (SSM). Payments have been made as an amount of \$7,9 billion for the projects implemented with domestic industrialization model, \$2,6 billion for direct procurement projects and \$725 billion for Advanced Technology Industrial Park and Airport Project (İTEP). Also \$100 billion has been allocated for R&D projects. In the frame of defense industry, a total amount of \$400 billion, as financial support, has been provided for defense industry enterprises, \$1,4 billion has been transferred to the overall budget and the other funds, \$1,9 billion has been paid as credit back payment and a resource of \$255 billion has been used for the other administrative expenses.

Domestic facilities and capabilities has been obtained in land, air, naval systems and in diverse areas on the basis of platforms, by way of the investments made following SSM's establishment. In this scope, a considerable infrastructure also started to be developed with the systems such as system integration, command-control, communication, electronic-warfare and firepower. In other words, the Turkish defense industry has gained momentum by using the projects as an opportunity that were started aiming at the modernization of the Turkish Armed Forces in terms of the development of Turkish national defense industry, with the support of the project activities actualized by SSM.

In land, air and naval areas in which have been planned to show strength, National Mega Defence Projects and conventional arms of defense as well as modeling developed by adjusting the threats of the new period have placed Turkish defense force in a distinct position, thanks to national designs and domestic products.

It is clear that Turkey, as a “Proper Size Power/Midsize Global Power”, has some goals such as to nationalizing the defense systems, increasing its dissuasiveness, decreasing its dependency on the foreign factors, providing funds for R&D initiatives as well as other sectors, minimizing sectorial imports and supporting the economy by increasing exports. In addition to these developments, the defense companies were set up fully by private initiatives beside the state support has opened a new period in Turkish defense industry. In national projects, larger instruments started to be designed by means of the capability provided by nationalization vision and “public-private enterprise” co-operation.

In this scope, **National Mega Defence Projects Workshop**, which will be held as part of 2016 Istanbul Security Conference, the principal national projects of Turkish defense force, within the ‘Turkey’s 2023 Vision’ and ‘TSK’s 2033 Projection’ developed by the Turkish General Staff, will be discussed in detail with the support of the projects’ developers as well.