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## HASAN AYGUN

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P: Naples, Italy

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### **OBJECTIVE**

To obtain a consultancy, lecturing, researching, advisory, mentoring position, where he can share his experiences as the Political Advisor for NATO for over 12 years and a diplomatic background of 22 years, while contributing to the understanding of global political/security issues, to defense and promotion of fundamental values/interests of clients and to solution of crises.

### **EXPERIENCE**

#### **Political Advisor/Associate Director/Lecturer**

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*StrategiaWorldWide/ NATO Defence College London, UK and Rome, Italy June 2017 – Present*

- Lectures at Middle East Faculty of NATO Defence College and other Academic/Political venues on a variety of topics, from Migration, Terrorism, Crisis Management, Cultural/Political/Religious conflicts to developments in specific countries that might affect the security/social and economic life in the Middle East, Europe, NATO geography and beyond.
- Advises the International Corporate or Government Clients on complex risks and opportunities for business and investment in a variety of countries and sectors. He helps them in mitigation of problems, protection of values/reputation and improving image/confidence through comprehensive analysis of the issues, design and implementation of an integrated strategy for building trust with stakeholders and ensuring project success/recovery.
- As Subject Matter Expert, supports international projects for social innovation to promote diversification of economies for self-reliance and job/income generation in Sub-Saharan, Central Asian and Middle Eastern countries.
- Writes analytical reports on global or regional developments in politics, geopolitics, economy and makes assessments on their impact on specific countries, with particular focus on the Middle East.
- Provides consultation on Middle Eastern Countries' political, economic, social, cultural, religious and ethnic characteristics, problems, and on efforts for solutions.

#### **Chief Political Advisor (NATO)**

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*Allied Joint Force Command  
Headquarters*

*Naples, Italy*

*August 2012 – June 2017*

- Advised the Commander on political/economic/social aspects of world events and helped shape decision processes;
- Was responsible for strategic and international affairs of the Headquarters;
- Reported and made assessments on political, governmental, military developments in the world on a daily basis, with particular focus on Russia, Southern Europe, the Balkans, the Middle East, the Gulf countries and Africa;
- Represented the Commander in international political events, meetings, Summits, conferences;

- Interacted with NATO Headquarters, member and partner countries up to Ministerial level, Parliamentary Assemblies, as well as the United Nations, the African Union, the European Union, other International-Regional Organizations, Non-Governmental Organizations, think-tanks and academic-research institutions;
- Contributed to decision-making efforts at NATO's Operations such as Kosovo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ocean Shield and Active Endeavor;
- Established and maintained Civil-Military contacts with Mediterranean Dialogue, ICI countries and NATO-partner countries and provided tailored lectures for NATO-led courses.
- Directed his staff dealing with training, education, command and control activities of the Headquarters, with focus on NATO Response Force (NRF);
- Participated in NATO's Military-Strategic level decision-making and consultation events;
- Gave lectures, conferences, briefings on topics related to his area of interest at NATO, UN, academic and think-tank events, with special focus on helping countries to nurture an environment where social innovation can help the society to develop and establish self-sufficiency.

#### **Political Advisor (NATO)**

*Allied Joint Force Command  
Headquarters*

*Lisbon, Portugal*

*March 2005 – July 2012*

- Gave advice to the Commander on political aspects of world events and helped decision-making processes;
- Reported and made assessments on political, governmental, military developments in the world on a daily basis, with particular focus on maritime issues and Africa;
- Represented the Commander in international events;
- Interacted with NATO Headquarters, member and partner countries, as well as with IO's, NGO's, think-tanks and academic-research institutions;
- Took part in training, education, certification, command and control activities of NATO's Response Force both as trainee and trainer;
- Participated in NATO's Strategic level decision-making and consultation events; and
- Gave lectures, conferences, briefings on topics related to NATO's perspective of world events at NATO, UN, AU, academic and think-tank-led fora.

#### **Diplomat**

*Min. of Foreign Affairs of Turkey*

*Ankara, Turkey*

*March 1983 – March  
2005*

- Specialized in political affairs in the Middle East, North Africa, the Balkans and the Caucasus;
- Was responsible for crisis response issues of post-Soviet Union/Warsaw Pact era Europe;
- Represented Turkey in Bosnia-Herzegovina peace process and preparation of Dayton Agreement;
- Took part in NagornoKarabagh peace process and Minsk Group meetings;
- Took part in numerous high-level policy making processes across Governmental bodies;
- Worked with international organizations on crisis management, social, economic and democratization topics in Eastern Europe, human/minority rights/election observation processes;
- Was responsible for consular and legal affairs, both at home and abroad postings;

- Directed staffs of up to 200 members;
- Represented Turkey at Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) (2001–2002);
- Ran bilateral aid programs, managed, approved NGO projects for renewal of infrastructure and organized distribution of aid to needy groups of people and institutions (1992–2000);
- Supported UNDP and bilateral economic projects in Azerbaijan (1997–1998); and
- Represented Turkey at the EUREKA Organization (1989–1990).

#### **Home Postings**

- Vice-Chairman European Council Istanbul, Turkey Aug. – Oct. 2004  
Migration Conf.
- Head of Department Consular and Legal Affairs Nov. 2002 – Feb. 2005
- Coordinator / NATO Summit '04 Istanbul, Turkey Jan. – July 2004
- Head of Political Department Middle East/North Africa (MEA) Sep. 1998 – Aug. 2000
- Chief of Section Political Dept. MEA Oct. 1990 – Aug. 1992
- Second Secretary Political Dept. MEA Nov. 1983 – May 1985
- Candidate Career Officer Dept. of Maritime Affairs March – July 1983

#### **Foreign Postings**

- Consul General Jeddah, Saudi Arabia July 2001 – Nov. 2002
- Consul General Batumi, Georgia Aug. 2000 – July 2001
- Charge d'Affaires, Consular Tabriz, Iran IR January-August 1999
- Consul General Nakhichevan, Azerbaijan Jan. 1997 – Sept. 1998
- Counselor (OSCE) Vienna, Austria Aug. 1994 – Jan. 1997
- Charge d'Affaires a.i. Turkish Embassy Belgrade, Yugoslavia Aug. 1992 – Aug. 1994
- First Secretary Rome, Italy Sept. 1987 – Sept. 1990
- Vice-Consul Mosul, Iraq June 1985 – Aug. 1987

#### **EDUCATION**

##### **Master of Arts** (International Affairs, Thesis on Law of the Sea)

<i>University of Virginia</i>	<i>Charlottesville, VA, USA</i>	<i>1980 – 1982</i>
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##### **Bachelor of Arts** (Political Sciences)

<i>University of Ankara, Faculty of Political Sciences</i>	<i>Ankara, Turkey</i>	<i>1975 – 1979</i>
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#### **AWARDS**

- NATO Service Medal (2008)
- Fulbright Graduate Studies Fellowship
- ARELS Scholarship
- Ministry of Education, Gifted Students Program

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

Over 200 presentations during NATO tenure and after, including examples such as:

- Africa and Security of Europe Lectures for African Union Leadership, sponsored by the UN in Gaborone, Botswana (June 2010)
- NATO/EU and relations between the Military and the Political Leadership Lectures at Steadfast Pyramid/Pinnacle series of Seminars of NATO in Riga, Latvia (2011-2015)
- Ukraine - NATO and Russia, Presented at European Studies Institute event, University of Macau (May 2014)
- NATO and Security in Maritime Domains, Paper presented at King's College, London University at the Workshop on NATO - Japan Relationship (Nov. 2015).
- Coup Attempt in Turkey and its Ramifications for Europe and NATO, (Portuguese Geographic Society (February 2017)
- Migration via the Mediterranean and European Security, Jean Monnet Center of Excellence (June 2017)
- Syrian Crisis and International Communities' Response, NATO Defence College (October 2017)

### **LANGUAGES**

Turkish, Italian, English, Azerbaijani (Fluent)  
German, French, Portuguese (Conversational)  
Arabic, Serbian, Spanish (Basic)