

G20 summit resolve to work together to fight terrorism

Summit in Antalya

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USPA NEWS - The world's leading economies have concluded the G20 summit in Antalya, in Turkey, affirming their resolve to fight terrorism in the wake of the Paris attacks on November 13 and adopting a comprehensive agenda including the implementation of past commitments.

Also the agenda including a boosting investment to drive growth and promoting inclusiveness to ensure the benefits of their actions can be shared by all. As leaders gathered in the wake of the brutal terrorist attack in Paris, they also reaffirmed their resolve to work together to fight terrorism including enhanced cooperation to address foreign terrorist fighters and combating the financing of terrorism. Leaders also adopted the Antalya Action Plan to drive growth and jobs and agreed to enhance the transparency of their tax systems.

Governments gathered at the summit confirmed their previous commitments to information exchange on-request as well as to automatic exchange of information by 2017 or end-2018 and invited other jurisdictions to join. Leaders also agreed that the scale of the ongoing refugee crisis was of global concern with major humanitarian, political, social and economic consequences and needed a coordinated and comprehensive response to tackle this crisis, as well as its long term consequences.

In a press conference preceding the summit on Sunday, Commission President Jean Claude Juncker warned leaders, both in Europe and at the G20, that the Paris attacks should not deter countries from protecting and relocating refugees on their territories. "It is imperative to see that those who organised the attacks and perpetrated them are precisely the ones the refugees are trying to flee," Juncker said at a joint press conference with European Council President Donald Tusk condemning the brutal Paris attacks ahead of the meeting of G20 leaders in Antalya.

On Sunday, leaders discussed development and climate change, the global economy, investment and employment strategies, as well as the fight against terrorism and the refugee crisis. On the cusp of the forthcoming climate change conference in Paris in December the EU urged all sides to overcome their differences for a legally-binding deal. In the margins of the Summit, President Juncker had bilateral meetings with the Prime Minister of Japan, Shinzō Abe, and the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi.

Together with President Tusk, he also held talks with the Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull, following which both sides welcomed the finalisation of the negotiations of the EU-Australia Framework Agreement, and agreed to launch negotiations on a Free Trade Agreement. On Monday November 16, discussions at the G20 Summit focussed on financial regulation, international tax and anti-corruption policies, trade, energy and the preparation of next year's Chinese G20 presidency. Finally, Presidents Juncker and Tusk held a bilateral meeting with President Erdoğan during which the refugees crisis figured high in the agenda.

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