



**UNION OF BLACK SEA AND CASPIAN CONFEDERATION OF ENTERPRISES**

Istanbul, 3 March 2009

**PRESS RELEASE**

**New members from Armenia, Georgia, Iraq and Ukraine joined UBCCE during its Second General Assembly held in Istanbul, Turkey, on March, 2.**

The Second General Assembly of UBCCE, the first independent and voluntary business organization of the Black Sea and Caspian Region, was held in Istanbul, Turkey, on March 2, 2009.

As per the decisions taken during the Second General Assembly, UBCCE Presidency passed from Turkish Industrialists' and Businessmen's Association (TÜSİAD) to Hellenic Federation of Enterprises (SEV) for the term 2009 - 2011 whereas Azerbaijan Turkey Business Association (ATIB), National Economic Chamber of Kazakhstan (ATAMEKEN Union), Turkish Confederation of Employer Associations (TİSK) and Alliance of Romanian Employers' Confederation (ACPR) were elected as the Vice Presidents, respectively in charge of "Regional Economic Integration", "Business Environment Development", "Innovation and Entrepreneurship" and "Relations with European Union and BUSINESSEUROPE" issues of the Union.

During a ceremony held prior to the General Assembly, UBCCE signed a memorandum of understanding and cooperation with International Congress of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs (ICIE) and Turkish Enterprise and Business Confederation (TÜRKONFED).

The General Assembly also approved the membership requests of Union of Manufacturers and Businessmen of Armenia (UMBA), Georgian Entrepreneurs Confederation (GEC), Iraqi Businessmen Union (IBMU), Confederation of Employers of Ukraine (CONFEU) and Federation of Employers of Ukraine (FEU). With the admission of new comings, the number of UBCCE members has increased from 18 to 22.

**UBCCE Secretariat**  
**Meşrutiyet Cad. No: 46 34420 Tepebaşı Istanbul Turkey**  
**Tel. + 90 212 249 19 29 Fax + 90 212 292 53 75**  
**e-Mail: [info@ubcce.org](mailto:info@ubcce.org)**  
**Web: [www.ubcce.org](http://www.ubcce.org)**