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**FOREWORD**

This, our last issue of 2001, marks the sixth anniversary of Perceptions.

Over these five years, readers from many backgrounds have read and appreciated Perceptions. Academics, career diplomats, journalists and others have used the articles in Perceptions as reference material.

Against our limited print run —of about 3000 copies— we are daily receiving a growing number of requests for subscriptions, back copies and articles. To meet this demand, we have established a website to which readers can refer their requirements.

To our great satisfaction, an increasing number of people of different nationalities in occupations related to our fields of study and research are offering us articles for publication. Though we cannot publish all, these contributions enrich our collections of intellectual material. Our reference archive is available for anyone to use and benefit from, free of charge, and it includes articles, theses and research work we do not accept for publication in Perceptions.

We would welcome further contributions in the form of articles, books, book reviews, biographies and other intellectual material in the field of international relations, strategic, diplomatic or political studies. We would also like to have your suggestions, ideas and criticisms for the further improvement of Perceptions. I assure you these will receive serious consideration.

With our best wishes for the year 2002.

Murat Bilhan  
Ambassador  
Editor

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