

DAMLA GÜÇLÜ
Turkish Cypriot Representative
in Washington D.C.

Representative Damla Güçlü began her career in the Foreign Ministry of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) in 1995. Since that time, she has served in several high-level Ministry roles including Director for Political Affairs, Director of Research and Policy Planning, Director of European Affairs (with a focus on European Union related issues), and most recently, the Ministry's Director-General.

For nearly three decades, Representative Güçlü has played a key role in the Foreign Ministry's international affairs research, communications, policy planning, speeches and publications and training of new personnel. Beginning in 2008, after completing training on the workings and functions of EU institutions in Maastricht, Netherlands, she worked as part of the EU Working Group during the negotiations on the Cyprus Issue under the auspices of the UN Secretary-General. Representative Güçlü also served as Head of the International Treaties Committee from 2016 to 2017.

Representative Güçlü's foreign posts have included the Turkish Cypriot Washington, DC Office from 1999 to 2003; (establishing and serving at) the Turkish Cypriot Office in Stockholm from 2010 to 2015; and the Turkish Cypriot Brussels Offices from 2017 to 2023 (where she also oversaw EU and NATO affairs in addition to bilateral issues.)

On August 1, 2023, Mrs. Güçlü began her post as Turkish Cypriot Representative in Washington, DC.

Representative Güçlü studied in the United States as a Fulbright Scholar from 1989 to 1993 and earned a degree in sociology and economics, with a minor in political affairs. She is a native of Lefkoşa, Cyprus, speaks Turkish, English, and French and is married with two sons.