



ASSEMBLY OF TURKISH AMERICAN ASSOCIATIONS

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RE: WORLD CUP SOCCER HITS “GRASSROOTS” AMERICA!

THREE TURKISH SOCCER FRIENDLIES
vs. USA, CZECH REPUBLIC, NORTHERN IRELAND

Dear Member of Congress:

I serve as President of the Assembly of Turkish American Associations (ATAA), which is the voice of over 500,000 Turkish and Turkic Americans nationwide at the nation’s capital.

Last September, I wrote to invite you and your staff to attend Turkish Festivals nationwide to enjoy Turkish cuisine, folkdances, music, arts, history and tourism and celebrate American diversity.

Today, I am excited to write that the United States Men’s Soccer Team will be hosting the Turkish Nationals in Philadelphia on May 29 2010, in preparation for the 2010 World Cup in South Africa. Turkey and USA drew 1-1 in Istanbul in 1980. Thirty years later, USA now hosts Turkey.

2002 World Cup Third Placers and 2006 European Cup Semi-Finalists, Turkey, will also play the Czech Republic in Harrison, NJ on May 22 and Northern Ireland in New Britain, CT on May 26. In Euro 2000 qualifying, Turkey scored the world’s fastest hat trick against Northern Ireland in a 3-0 win in Belfast. In the Euro 2008 finals, Turkey upset the Czech Republic 3-2 with a last minute goal in Geneva.

These rematches promise to be exciting. The match schedule and ticketing information is attached for your convenience.

The ATAA is the proud cultural liaison for the Turkish Nationals on their America Tour, and is happy to help support this cultural exchange.

Hope to see you there!

Gunay Evinch
President
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MATCH SCHEDULE

Turkey vs. Czech Republic
May 22, 2010
Red Bull Stadium
Harrison, New Jersey

Northern Ireland vs. Turkey
May 26, 2010
Veterans Stadium
New Britain, Connecticut

USA v. Turkey
May 29, 2010
Lincoln Financial Field
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania