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READOUT: Under Secretary of the Treasury Brian Nelson's Meeting with Turkish Deputy Minister of Trade Mustafa Tuzcu

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WASHINGTON -- Under Secretary of the Treasury for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence Brian E. Nelson met with Turkish Deputy Minister of Trade Mustafa Tuzcu in Washington, DC on March 13 to follow up on discussions during Under Secretary Nelson's trip to Ankara last month. Under Secretary Nelson expressed his deepest condolences to those who have lost loved ones, those who are injured, and those who have lost their homes and businesses in the horrific series of earthquakes in Türkiye in February.

Under Secretary Nelson commended recent Turkish efforts to strengthen Türkiye's anti-money laundering and countering the financing of terrorism (AML/CFT) regime and the commitment to implement measures to counter sanctions evasion activity. Under Secretary Nelson and Deputy Minister Tuzcu reiterated the strong bilateral relationship and shared goal of protecting the international financial system from abuse by illicit actors.