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Mr. Andrew N. Vorkink, a United States national, joined the World Bank in 1977. He has more than two decades of experience working on countries undertaking reforms, including in the Middle East, Asia, Eastern Europe, and the former Soviet Republics. Mr. Vorkink worked for more than ten years on countries in Eastern Europe and Central Asia, including Turkey, first as chief counsel, Europe and Central Asia and then as Assistant General Counsel, Legal Reform and Advisory Services. Before being appointed Country Director in 1998, he led both economic and legal missions to countries in the Bank's Europe and Central Asia Region and managed the World Bank's largest loan (to Russia) for legal and judicial reform.

Since joining the Bank, Mr. Vorkink has had extensive experience in all areas of Bank activities, with special emphasis on the issues facing reforming economies. He managed legal teams for the first Bank borrowings in several new markets, including in Europe and Japan, and, in 1980, he was the first Bank lawyer to work on lending to China. In 1991, he established the legal unit to begin lending and technical assistance to Eastern and Central Europe, the Soviet Union and the former Soviet Republics. In his other Bank assignments, Mr. Vorkink has been heavily engaged in private sector development and privatization techniques, regulatory and financial sector reform, governance and anti-corruption initiatives, and partnership arrangements with other donors, regional development banks, bilateral agencies and non-governmental organizations, including EU accession matters. As country director, Mr. Vorkink has given special emphasis in Bank programs to assisting member countries to meet the challenges of integrating into the European Union. He has also been extensively involved in change management and renewal initiatives within the Bank. In addition to his responsibilities as Country Director, Mr. Vorkink has also chaired or co-chaired groups in Bank's Europe and Central Asia Region on anti-corruption, the Black Sea and learning programs. He has also served on the Bank's Learning Committee.

Before joining the Bank Mr. Vorkink was an attorney with law firms in Tokyo and New York, specializing in international issues.

Mr. Vorkink was educated in Turkey (Robert College Lise and Yüksek Okulu – presently Boğazici University) and in the U.S., and has a B.A. from Yale (1969) and a J.D. from Harvard (1972). While at university in Turkey and the U.S, Mr. Vorkink majored in Turkish History, with his honors thesis being on the Reforms of Kemal Atatürk – 1923-1938.

Mr. Vorkink was based in Zagreb, Croatia from 2001-2003 as the Director of the South Central Europe Regional Office (covering Bulgaria, Croatia and Romania). Effective In August, 2003 Mr. Vorkink was appointed as the Country Director for Turkey and is now based in Ankara.

Mr. Vorkink is married to Patricia R. Vorkink, a psychotherapist, and has two children.