



**PERMANENT MISSION OF TURKEY TO THE UNITED NATIONS**

CHECK AGAINST DELIVERY

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"HOPES AND IDEALS: A BETTER WORLD FOR US ALL"

MR. PRESIDENT,  
MR. SECRETARY-GENERAL,  
DISTINGUISHED REPRESENTATIVES,  
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I CONSIDER IT A GREAT HAPPINESS TO ADDRESS YOU UNDER THIS ROOF WHICH REPRESENTS OUR HOPES FOR A BETTER WORLD.

THE WILL THAT WAS PUT FORWARD AT THE START OF THE NEW CENTURY, FIVE YEARS AGO, AIMED AT CARRYING THE FOUNDING IDEALS OF THE UNITED NATIONS INTO THE NEW CENTURY.

THE UNITED NATIONS WAS BUILT AS THE "HOUSE OF PEACE" FOR HUMANITY, WHICH WAS BATTERED UNDER THE RUINS OF A BIG WAR.

IN THE PERIOD SINCE THEN HUMANITY HAS UNFORTUNATELY CONTINUED TO UNDERGO GREAT SUFFERING AND HAS SEEN GREAT DESTRUCTION. INDEED, WHEN COMPARED WITH PERIODS OF WAR, POVERTY AND TEARS, PERIODS OF PEACE CONSTITUTE VERY LITTLE OF OUR HISTORY.

THE UN HAS RISEN UPON THE FOUNDATIONS LAID IN ORDER TO TURN THIS BALANCE IN THE FAVOUR OF PEACE AND PROSPERITY.

AGAIN FOR THIS VERY REASON, WE ARE COMPELLED TO CONTINUE TO STRENGTHEN THE UN AND SEEK SOLUTIONS TO THE HUMAN SUFFERING WE ARE FACING TODAY, UPON THIS BASIS.

I SEE THE CONSTANTLY INCREASING GAP IN INCOME DISTRIBUTION BETWEEN THE NORTH AND SOUTH AND THE ARMS RACE, AS THE GREATEST OBSTACLES BEFORE THE HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY OF NATIONS.

POVERTY, DISEASES, ENVIRONMENTAL DEGRADATION AND TERRORISM, WHICH WERE SOURCES OF JOINT THREATS AND CONCERNS FOR MANKIND IN EVERY PERIOD OF HISTORY, HAVE BECOME EVER MORE THREATENING. IT IS TODAY'S REALITY THAT, WHEREVER THEY EMERGE OR WHOEVER THEY AFFECT, ALL HAVE RAMIFICATIONS ON A GLOBAL SCALE. THUS THEY ARE THE PROBLEMS OF EVERY SINGLE ONE OF US. THE MOST IMPORTANT REASON FOR THIS IS GLOBALIZATION.

WE CAN NOT CLOSE OUR EARS OR EYES TO THESE PROBLEMS, JUST BECAUSE THEY ARE PHYSICALLY FAR FROM US.

THIS BEING THE CASE, WITHOUT LOSING FURTHER TIME, WE MUST JOINTLY SEEK WAYS TO GLOBALIZE PEACE INSTEAD OF WAR, PROSPERITY INSTEAD OF

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POVERTY, CONSCIENCE INSTEAD OF GREED AND RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS INSTEAD OF OPPRESSION AND VIOLENCE.

WITH THE UN IN THE FOREFRONT, WE MUST RECONSTRUCT OUR INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS ACCORDINGLY.

LET US NOT DOUBT THAT OUR JOINT FUTURE WILL DEPEND ON THIS.

DISTINGUISHED REPRESENTATIVES,

THE CULTURE OF CONFLICT THAT HAS BECOME A GLOBAL PLAGUE IN ITSELF, IS IN MY VIEW, ONE OF OUR PRIORITY CONCERNS.

LET US ONCE AGAIN REMEMBER THE TERRORISM THAT STRUCK AT NEW YORK, ISTANBUL, MADRID, LONDON, SMARM EL SHEIKH, BESLAN AND BAGHDAD.

BITTER EXPERIENCES HAVE TAUGHT US ALL THAT TERRORISM IS THE JOINT ENEMY OF MANKIND.

WE MUST SERIOUSLY CONSIDER HOW TO HELP THOSE WHO:

- LIVE IN POVERTY;
- DO NOT RECEIVE A SUFFICIENT SHARE OF THE BENEFITS OF GLOBALIZATION;
- CAN NOT BENEFIT FROM DEMOCRACY AND FREEDOMS;
- CAN NOT KEEP UP PACE WITH THE RAPID CHANGE IN OUR WORLD;
- AND WHO THEMSELVES ARE UNFORTUNATELY TRAPPED IN CONFLICT AND DESTRUCTION.

IT IS EVIDENT THAT STANDING ON ONE'S FEET WILL BECOME MORE AND MORE DIFFICULT IF WE DO NOT STAND BY THOSE IN NEED.

IT IS INDEED A MISTAKE TO CONTINUE TO PRESENT DIFFERENT TRADITIONS AND CULTURES AS SOURCES OF CONFLICT, DESPITE THE MANY EXPERIENCES WE HAVE BEEN THROUGH AND THE RUINOUS CONFLICTS THAT HAVE COST THE LIVES OF MILLIONS OF PEOPLE.

WE LAUNCHED THE "ALLIANCE OF CIVILIZATIONS" INITIATIVE, TOGETHER WITH MY SPANISH COUNTERPART, MR. ZAPATERO, WITH THIS UNDERSTANDING.

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL WHO SHARES THE SAME BELIEF HAS DISPLAYED GREAT SENSITIVITY BY SUPPORTING AND PARTICIPATING IN THIS EFFORT.

MR. PRESIDENT,  
DISTINGUISHED REPRESENTATIVES,

THE DRAFT OUTCOME DOCUMENT THAT ALSO EMBRACES THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S REPORT, WILL BE AN IMPORTANT STEP BY THE

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, TOWARDS FULFILLING ITS COMMITMENTS UNDER THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS.

IT IS OUR SINCERE DESIRE THAT THESE COMMITMENTS WHICH ARE DEFINED IN THE OUTCOME DOCUMENT AND THE NECESSARY STRUCTURAL REFORMS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED WITHIN THE TERM OF THE 60<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

INDEED, THE MAIN REASON FOR ANNOUNCING OUR CANDIDACY FOR A NON-PERMANENT SEAT AT THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR THE TERM 2009-2010, IS TO MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE REALIZATION OF GLOBAL PEACE AND WELFARE.

A UNITED NATIONS WHICH, RENEWS ITSELF,  
WHICH IS MORE DEMOCRATIC AND TRANSPARENT,  
WHICH HAS THE ABILITY TO REPRESENT THE JOINT WILL OF ALL MEMBER STATES,  
WHICH IS THE SOURCE OF SOLUTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL CONFLICTS,  
WHICH IS SEEN AS THE GUARANTEE OF GLOBAL PEACE,  
WHICH IS RESPECTED BY ALL MEMBERS,  
WHICH IS MORE ACTIVE AND FORESIGHTED, IS IN THE JOINT INTEREST OF HUMANITY.

IN YOUR PRESENCE, I CONGRATULATE SECRETARY-GENERAL ANNAN FOR HIS EFFORTS IN THIS DIRECTION.

TURKEY MAINTAINS ITS HOPES AND ASPIRATIONS FOR A BETTER WORLD.

WITH THE BELIEF I WOULD LIKE TO WARMLY THANK ALL PARTICIPANTS.