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Distinguished Delegates,

Excellencies,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

2015 is a landmark year for the global development agenda.

Addis Ababa will set an important precedent for the UN Summit in September and the Paris COP 21 meeting in December. These three meetings will establish the framework of the global development agenda for the next 15 years. Their importance cannot be understated. The post-2015 development agenda and financing for development processes are so closely interlinked

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Organizing this Conference

Development is no longer an issue of charity. Better integrating all country groups to the world economic system is crucial to bring growth and prosperity to the developing countries, which will ultimately be the new engine of growth globally.

Until recently, the question was "Where can we acquire the finance for development?" Now, we face a more critical question: **"How we can create conditions to attract financing for development?"** We welcome that the Addis Ababa Action Agenda places this question at its core.

Official Development Assistance (ODA) remains the most important source to support the development efforts of many countries, particularly the LDCs. UN members should honor their ODA commitments in full and in a timely manner. ODA of Turkey was 1 billion dollars in 2010. In 2014, it was 3.5 billion dollars.

It is also essential to reverse the trend of diminishing ODA to LDCs. Turkey is committed to do its part as promised in the Fourth UN Conference on LDCs held in Istanbul in 2011.

In line with the **Istanbul Program of Action**, we give great importance to support LDCs' access to knowledge and technology. In this respect, we wish to open up a Technology Bank in Turkey which will act as an international mechanism to facilitate technology transfer to LDCs. A high-level Midterm Review of the Istanbul Program of Action will be held in Turkey next June.

As an emerging donor country, our experience is that providing assistance in response to demand gives better results. The donor-recipient relationship should be based on partnership. Currently, the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (T!KA) is carrying out hundreds of projects in 120 partner countries.

We also spent more than 5.6 billion dollars as a response to the refugee crisis in our neighboring countries and to address the needs of Syrians and Iraqis while international support remained limited.

In the meantime, our long term objective should be to create

respect. We welcome that the Addis Action Agenda underscores the importance of effective use of domestic resources to achieve the SDGs. We are working towards strengthening the tax capacity in developing countries as part of the G20 development agenda.

Reducing the cost of the transfer of remittances will be an important contribution to sustainable development efforts in many countries. The Turkish G20 Presidency is strongly committed to take concrete steps towards that target.

We should be mindful that humanitarian crises and emergencies undermine development efforts. The **World Humanitarian Summit** to be held in Istanbul on 26-27 May 2016 will provide a unique opportunity to address this issue.

Access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all is an important element of sustainable development. To support the efforts to enhance access to energy, we are aiming to develop a **G20 Energy Access Action Plan** with a particular focus on Sub-Saharan Africa this year. We will host the very first year.

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