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On behalf of the Turkish Grand National Assembly and the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly it is my pleasure to invite your Delegation to attend the 22nd Annual Session of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and related events to be held in Istanbul, Turkey from June 29th to July 3rd 2013.

It is important that the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly continues its work discussing the pressing issues that affect all our countries, while providing parliamentary input to the work of the OSCE. The general theme of this year's Annual Session, "*Helsinki* +40", is extremely relevant and underlines the Assembly's support for the OSCE Ministerial Council's decision in Dublin to launch a set of objectives aimed at strengthening the OSCE from now towards 2015, the 40th anniversary of the *Helsinki Final Act*.

Our Assembly is committed to supporting the current Chairmanship of Ukraine, and the forthcoming chairmanships of Switzerland and Serbia in their work towards a security community. In this regard, I am confident that our Session in Istanbul will provide the basis for fruitful discussions, which will in turn contribute to the strengthening of the OSCE.

Together with our Turkish hosts the leadership of the OSCE PA looks forward to welcoming your Delegation in Istanbul.

Riccardo Migliori