

**(Unofficial Translation)**

Esteemed Colleague,

Turkey will host, on 27-29 May, 2016 in Antalya, the High Level Comprehensive Midterm Review (MTR) of the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) which was adopted at the Fourth United Nations Conference on LDCs in Istanbul in 2011.

In the margins of the Meeting, Turkish Grand National Assembly will host an event for the Parliamentarians on 28 May, 2016. The event will provide a platform for addressing the challenges encountered and the lessons learned by the LDCs over the course of implementing their national development policies in coherence with the Istanbul Programme of Action as well as for exchanging experience acquired in this context. Strategies aimed at sustaining and strengthening the inter-parliamentary cooperation for achieving the objectives set by the Istanbul Programme of Action will also be on the agenda of the event.

As a well-known fact, Turkey supports the efforts of the LDCs towards development in all international platforms and strives for raising the awareness of the international community regarding the challenges that the LDCs encounter.

I am of the opinion that, representation of the parliaments of all the countries in the event which will take place within the scope of the High Level Comprehensive Midterm Review, is highly significant in terms of discussing the contribution that the Parliamentarians could provide to the development efforts of the Least Developed Countries in a participatory manner.

In light of the foregoing, I have the pleasure to invite Your Excellency to the Parliamentary Event to be held in the margins of the High Level Comprehensive Midterm Review.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Speaker of the Grand National Assembly  
of Turkey