

The Permanent Mission of Turkey to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations, Office of Disarmament Affairs, and with reference to the Notes dated 11 February 2009 (Ref: ODA/12-2009/AVPP) and 20 March 2009 (Ref: ODA/25-2009/AVP) has the honour to submit the views of the Government of Turkey on the inter-relation between armed violence and development, pursuant to operative paragraph of the UN General Assembly resolution 63/23 of 17 November 2008.

Government of Turkey would like to reiterate that it did not intend to be a co-sponsor of Resolution A/63/23 entitled "Promoting development through the reduction and prevention of armed violence" adopted at the plenary session of the General Assembly on 17 November 2008.

Turkey is not a signatory to the Geneva Declaration and Turkey's decision to go along with the consensus cannot be construed as endorsement of this Declaration.

The Permanent Mission of Turkey avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.