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Mr. Secretary General,  
Distinguished Guests,  
Ladies and Gentlemen.

At the outset, I would like to express my thanks for the organization of this meeting on climate change that is one of the major global problems confronting mankind.

Today, climate change is indeed one of the most important challenges facing humankind. It is evident that we are faced with a major threat caused by climate change.

On the other hand, it is a fact that climate change knows no frontiers. The negative impacts of this problem have already begun to be felt everywhere in the world. If we do not cope with this problem in an appropriate manner, its impacts will be aggravated in time. However, scientific facts provide guidance for us about the steps to be taken.

Turkey is convinced that global problems require global solutions. Climate change, too, calls for regional and global cooperation.

Turkey is situated in the East Mediterranean, which is one of the most vulnerable geographies exposed to the adverse effects of climate change. Its geographical location obliges Turkey to follow such policies with a view to combating irregular rainfall, decreasing evaporation trend, water scarcity and desertification. As a matter of fact,

my Government has given impetus to important activities in various sectors that have been fully supported with national resources in order to alleviate and adapt to the negative impacts of climate change. Significant progress has been achieved in this regard.

Cognizant of the importance of international cooperation in the combat against climate change, Turkey has become Party to the United Nations Framework Convention of Climate Change in 2004.

As a result of my Government's determination and the support of our Parliament, Turkey has deposited its accession document on the Kyoto Protocol on 28 May 2009 and has become a State Party to the Protocol as of 26 August.

Turkey is willing to take part in the post-2012 new climate regime with a fair legal status, on the basis of the principle of "common but differentiated responsibilities" and in accordance with its national circumstances, economic and social development objectives and respective capabilities. This will enable Turkey to do its part on the implementation of "nationally appropriate mitigation actions" within the context of international efforts towards the combat against global emissions and cooperation in this field, without jeopardizing its sustainable development initiatives.

Nevertheless, taking into consideration the technological and financial aspects of combating climate change, it is evident that establishing "green economies" will require large sums of investment in developing countries. It is my expectation that the needs for financing and technological transfer of those countries which have not yet completed their industrialization process, such as Turkey, will be taken into account in the new agreement replacing the Kyoto Protocol. I expect that the new agreement will establish a new and fair mechanism with flexibilities to ensure appropriate action in mitigation and adaptation in accordance with specific national circumstances.

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I believe that, if the political differences which have so far dominated the ongoing negotiations on the post-2012 agreement could be replaced by an approach based on constructive cooperation and coordination and if a text which would consider the concerns of each country, coherent with scientific facts and devoid of unilateral and rigid measures could be drafted, then the likelihood for the adoption of this text in the Conference of Parties to be held in Copenhagen in December will be higher.

Thank you.