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**PERMANENT MISSION  
OF TURKEY TO THE OSCE**

**STATEMENT BY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF TURKEY,  
AMBASSADOR YUSUF BULUÇ  
IN RESPONSE TO THE ADDRESS BY THE EU SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR  
CENTRAL ASIA AND FOR THE CRISIS IN GEORGIA**

**738<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL  
6 NOVEMBER 2008**

Mr. Chairman,

We welcome the representatives of the co-sponsors of the process driven by the goal of bringing peace and stability to the region, following the armed conflict in South Caucasus. This goal has been established in the agreement concluded between Presidents Medvedev and Sarkozy and we took due note of it. We hope to receive at a later opportunity the tri-partite line up of all co-sponsors of the process.

We wish the process success as and when it gets off the ground and we would seek to support it with our own initiatives.

We are pleased that the interests of the OSCE are represented by the Chairman-in-Office in the person of someone as experienced and able as Ambassador Talvitie.

We hope, in time the process will acquire a scope of participation which would correspond to its stated regional goals, as we have vital interests involved in the process and its outcomes, being the indisputable part of the region.

As to Central Asia, it does not require much elaboration that we value highly the progressively accelerating and energizing diplomacy of the EU through the instrument of a Special Representative, that is Ambassador Morel, which complements in a variety of ways the goals we pursue for the common good of the countries of the region.

Thank you.