



PERMANENT MISSION OF TURKEY
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PERMANENT MISSION OF FINLAND
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Excellency,

On behalf of the group of Friends of Mediation, we would like to convey our sincerest thanks and appreciation for your strong support to the first General Assembly resolution on mediation entitled "Strengthening the Role of Mediation in Peaceful Settlement of Disputes, Conflict Prevention and Resolution" (resolution A/RES/65/283) which was adopted on June 22, 2011.

We believe that the adoption of this resolution demonstrates the will of the international community to further promote the use of mediation in peaceful settlement of disputes, conflict prevention and resolution as well as to enhance the engagement of Member States, the United Nations and of regional and sub-regional organisations in mediation activities. The forward-looking approach of the resolution is a manifestation of this vision. We are very much looking forward to your report on the implementation of the resolution.

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

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