

*Council of Europe*  
*The Secretary General*

Strasbourg, 13 December 2018

Dear President,

It was with great sadness that I learned of the tragic train accident that occurred on 13 December close to Ankara's main train station, killing nine people and injuring another forty seven.

Allow me to express on behalf of the Council of Europe both to you and the people of Turkey my heartfelt condolences for the victims of this catastrophe. Our thoughts are with their families and loved ones. I would also like to wish those who have been wounded courage and strength in their recovery.

Yours sincerely,



Thorbjørn Jagland

Mr Recep Tayyip Erdoğan  
President of the Turkish Republic