

Council of Europe
The Secretary General

Strasbourg, 12 August 2014

Dear Prime Minister,

I should like to extend to you my warmest congratulations on your election as the first President of the Republic of Turkey directly elected by the people.

At a time when we are faced with important and difficult challenges, both at a global and regional level, we need, more than ever, to cherish and implement the core universal values of democracy, human rights and the rule of law.

I am convinced that under your leadership Turkey, a founding member of the Council of Europe, will continue to uphold these values, thus contributing to a stable and prosperous Europe.

I look forward to working with you in your new position.

Yours sincerely,



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