

**JOINT DECLARATION BY THE GRAND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF TURKEY
16 JULY 2016**

Grand National Assembly of Turkey (GNAT) has fulfilled its duty as the representative of the glorious and heroic nation under the threat of bombs and bullets. It has once again demonstrated that it is an Assembly worthy of its people. GNAT led the War of Liberation, built up the democratic parliamentary system and elevated a nation from poverty and destitution to the level of contemporary civilizations. And now, our Assembly responded to the coup attempt with one heart and one soul.

The resolute attitude of GNAT to the heinous coup attempt is extremely important for the further establishment of democracy in Turkey. The Iron Will of GNAT will always stand against every attempt targeting our nation and its veteran Assembly, as it has done so far. It was an historic moment that all of the political parties of the Assembly stood together with common stance and language and this will be recorded as such in history. This common stance and language will further strengthen our nation and national will. GNAT is on duty as one heart, and in its capacity as the Assembly of the nation, GNAT will make those who have attempted this coup pay the heaviest price within the rule of law. This declaration is the evidence that nothing will be the same again in Turkey.

Though we hold different opinions as four different political parties, we wholly stand by the national will, we will protect it, and we will always continue to do so. May our nation be assured. Our nation and the members of the Parliament did not fail our people. Once again, we strongly condemn the heinous attack perpetrated against our democracy, Nation and the Grand National Assembly of Turkey.

We call on all to stay away from acts of violence that are beyond democratic reactions. We pay tribute to our fallen, wish our injured people fast return to health, a speedy recovery to our nation. And we salute all of the friendly and brotherly countries that conveyed messages of support to our nation.

Signatures:

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