At the High Level Segment of the UNFCCC 19th Session of Conference of Parties Warsaw/ Poland

Honorable Chair, Honorable Ministers, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Republic of Turkey, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Government and the people of Poland for hosting this Conference.

We would like to thank you for your warm hospitality.

I would like to express my sincere condolences for the loss of human lives suffered by the Philippines, due to the typhoon.

Least Developed Countries and Small Island States, such as Philippines, have the least historical responsibility. But in return they are the most affected.

As Turkey we are ready to help all these countries as we immediately sent disaster relief for the victims of the Philippines.

Excellencies,

Distinguished Delegates,

Climate change seriously endangers our earth. It's a global problem and we need global solutions.

And now we are building the new era.

The new era should be inclusive which means no party should be excluded.

The new era should be flexible which means all Parties should contribute within the boundaries of national responsibilities and capabilities.

The new era should be dynamic which means the national contributions may change in time.

The new era should be strong which means the rights of the Least Developed Countries and Small Island States should be protected.

The new era should be comprehensive which means it should cover the adaptation, finance, technology transfer and capacity building as well as the mitigation.

The new era should reflect the current realities and take the needs of present and future generations into account.

In Warsaw, we need to agree on the building stones of the new era and we have to finalize our work in Paris.

Distinguished Delegates,

Turkey is a rapidly developing country and in accordance with the sustainable development we are doing our best for climate change.

We adopted our National Climate Change Strategy and prepared a National Climate Change Action Plan.

We are carrying out very important projects in energy, industry, transport, agriculture, forestry and waste sectors.

For example, we give high priority to renewable energy. We are increasing the share of renewable energy up to 30 percent by 2023.

We are enlarging the total area of our forests up to 30 percent until 2023.

However Turkey is an Annex-I Party with special circumstances and we need international support for the climate change.

In Durban and in Doha, decisions were taken on supporting Turkey. Although no progress was achieved here in Warsaw, we believe that the required COP decision will be adopted in the near future.

Before concluding my remarks, I would like to emphasize that this forum aiming at a cooperative action, should not be abused by any Party by irrelevant political remarks as the Greek Cypriot delegate did yesterday.

I wish all the Parties a successful outcome here in Warsaw.

Thank you very much.