



Parliamentary Exchange and Dialogue
Parlamentolar Arası Değişim ve Diyalog

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Dear Dr. Di Bonaventura

The **Interparliamentary Summer Camp on Youth, Democracy and Change** will take place in Izmir between 3th-5th of July 2013 as a part of the “**Parliamentary Exchange and Dialogue**” which is a joint project of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey (GNAT) and the European Union, aiming to maximise the role of the GNAT in the process of EU membership negotiations by promoting dialogue among the members of the parliaments in EU Member States and Turkey. The project also covers parliamentarians and political parties represented in the European Parliament.

The purpose of the project is twofold:

The main aim is to contribute to a better knowledge and understanding between Turkey and the European Union through organising symposia, bilateral visits and summer camps which we believe will strengthen the civil society dialogue between Turkey and the EU. Also, it will lead to the establishment of better structured political channels for a more powerful civil society participation in Turkey’s political life.

Second, we intend to raise awareness, by increased publicity and visibility, on the opportunities and challenges that will no doubt surface on the way to Turkey’s accession to the EU. This way we hope to eliminate the negative perceptions that still exist in certain segments of the society as regards the Turkish-EU accession process. Creating a stronger awareness among the public on the subject and to establish a better understanding in GNAT on EU matters, EU policies and EU accession processes is our main priority.

The **Interparliamentary Summer Camp on Youth, Democracy and Change** aims to bring together members of the national parliaments, youth and women branches of political parties, academics, policy makers, media specialists and civil society representatives in order to contribute to a structured dialogue concerning Youth, Democracy and Change, share experiences at both a national and supra national level, exchange good practices, highlight future prospects and stimulate informed public debate on the related issues that can have an overall effect on the accession process.

It is my honour to invite you on behalf of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey to participate to the **Interparliamentary Summer Camp on Youth, Democracy and Change** and deliver a speech on “**Youth Politics as a Leverage for Change**”.

Enclosed you will find the draft agenda highlighting the sessions of the event. If you kindly accept to participate in the **Interparliamentary Summer Camp on Youth, Democracy and Change**, your flight and accommodation will be arranged and covered by the Project.

Thank you in advance for your interest.

Sincerely Yours,

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