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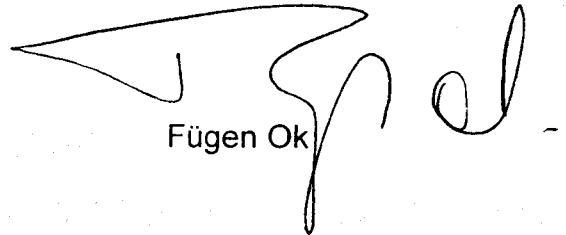
20 September, 2002

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to enclose herewith the original letter and its unofficial translation from H.E. Mr. Ömer İzgi, Speaker of the Turkish Grand National Assembly addressed to Your Excellency on the reform package adopted by the Turkish Grand National Assembly on 3 August 2002.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely Yours,



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Encl.: As stated

H.E. Mr. Ivar Hansen
Speaker of the Parliament of Denmark

Ankara, 8 August 2002

Your Excellency,

The Turkish Parliament adopted on 3 August 2002 a comprehensive package of amendments to various laws with a view to fulfilling the Copenhagen political criteria in the run up to the EU Copenhagen Summit. I enclose herewith the highlights of this package.

These new steps ensure harmonization with the earlier amendments made in the Turkish Constitution and the Turkish Civil Code and amend various laws in line with the Turkish National Program with due regard to the priorities listed in the Accession Partnership document under political criteria.

The ongoing reform process in Turkey attest to the determination of our people to join the EU as part of the current enlargement process.

The difficult decisions entailed by the latest reforms reflect the confidence of our people in the sincerity of the EU in embracing Turkey as a candidate State destined to join the EU on the basis of the same criteria as applied to the other candidate States.

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The inclusion of the PKK in the list of terrorist organizations of the EU and the expectation that its successor KADEK will follow suit were important factors that facilitated our reckoning with painful issues.

A decision by the EU Council in Copenhagen to open accession negotiations with Turkey will accelerate the ongoing reform process, especially if reinforced by the EU side with meaningful financial assistance.

I am confident that I can count upon Your Excellency's personal attention and support in this regard.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,

Ömer İzgi