



*Deputy Prime Minister
and
Minister of Foreign Affairs*

Ankara, 30 March 2007

Excellency,

I have the honour to extend my Government's invitation to Your Excellency or a relevant minister to the Ministerial Conference entitled "Making Globalization Work for the LDCs" which will be held from 9 to 11 July 2007 in Istanbul, Turkey.

The Conference seeks to address global imbalances which exacerbate poverty in LDCs and prevent them from the full and effective implementation of the Programme of Action of the Least Developed Countries for the decade 2001-2010 and their beneficial integration in the world economy.

The Conference is organized in collaboration with the United Nations Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

As the host country, the Government of the Republic of Turkey will cover the transportation costs by air and provide accommodation for the period of the Conference for the following two officials from each least developed country in addition to Your Excellency or a relevant minister and spouse:

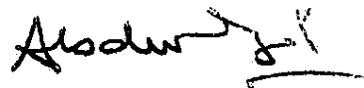
- 1. Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York*
- 2. National Focal Point for the Programme of Action of the Least Developed Countries*

I would appreciate it very much if Your Excellency's Government would confirm the participation of your country in the Conference by completing and returning the form for participants (annex I) to Ms. Gülin Dinç in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey at her fax 90 (312) 292 2755 or e-mail gdinc@mfa.gov.tr no later than 15 May 2007. A copy of the form must be also sent to Ms. Annie Concha in the UN-OHRLLS at her fax 1 (212) 963 0419 or 1 (917) 367 3415 or e-mail concha@un.org.

I also have the honour to convey the preliminary agenda and work programme of the Conference (annex II), an information note on transportation and accommodation support (annex III), as well as a note on information for participants (annex IV).

It is my firm belief that participation of your delegation to the Conference will enrich the debate and contribute to the success of the Conference. Your early response would be highly appreciated.

I wish to take this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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