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***STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR TACAN İLDEM,
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***REGARDING THE AGREEMENT REACHED
IN THE BELGRADE-PRISTINA DIALOGUE PROCESS***

949TH PERMANENT COUNCIL

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Thank you Mr. Chairperson,

Turkey welcomes the agreement reached after the latest round of talks of the Belgrade-Pristina dialogue process held in Brussels.

We believe that this agreement of historic nature will make important contributions to Serbia-Kosovo relations and to peace and stability, particularly in the Balkans but also in the world at large, and that it will also strengthen Serbia and Kosovo's European orientation.

We congratulate Serbian and Kosovar leaders who went through this challenging negotiation process with courage and determination as well as the peoples of Serbia and Kosovo. Likewise, we extend our sincere congratulations to EU High Representative Baroness Ashton who made this important agreement possible.

We believe that this agreement, which marks a new chapter in the relations between Serbia and Kosovo, creates an opportunity not to be missed for constructing the Balkans' common future. We therefore call upon the parties to implement it urgently.

Turkey, which closely cooperates with Serbia and Kosovo in the Balkans will continue to develop its relations with both in a spirit of solidarity and with determination.

Thank you.

