



STATEMENT BY THE TURKISH DELEGATION

On the Second Round of Presidential Elections in Afghanistan

(1005th Permanent Council, 19 June 2014)

Mr. Chairperson,

We welcome the completion of the second round of Presidential Elections in Afghanistan last Saturday in a safe and peaceful environment.

The Presidential Elections constitute an important stage in the country's political transition process. They will be decisive for Afghanistan's future. The turnout in the elections has reconfirmed the importance that the Afghan nation attaches to lasting stability, their will to act in unity and solidarity, and Afghanistan's determination to stand on its own feet. The successful organization of the elections is also significant as an indicator of the capacity attained by Afghan institutions.

We are confident that the election process will be completed on schedule and that the Government to be formed will embrace all segments of the people of Afghanistan and take further steps towards bringing peace, stability and prosperity to the country.

Turkey's objective is to promote peace and stability in Afghanistan. To this end, we will maintain our solidarity with the friendly people of Afghanistan. We will also continue to work in close collaboration with the new Government, building further on the solid foundation provided by our bilateral relations.

Thank you.

