

**COMMENTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY**  
**ON ITEM 2 - SPECIAL BODY ON LEAST DEVELOPED**  
**AND LANDLOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES /**  
**(B) BIENNIAL REVIEW OF THE ISTANBUL PROGRAMME OF ACTION**

Turkey believes that ensuring comprehensive, fair and sustainable development is a common responsibility for the entire international community.

It is with this understanding that Turkey successfully hosted the 4<sup>th</sup> United Nations Conference on the LDCs in Istanbul on 9-13 May 2011.

We are of the view that in the post-Conference phase, we must not lose the momentum built in Istanbul. We need to focus on deliverables and ensure that concrete progress in priority areas is achieved in the short term. The Istanbul Programme of Action adopted at the Conference is a valuable, forward-looking reference document that reflects the international community's strong political will to support the LDCs. Therefore, it must be effectively followed up and implemented. Ownership by all relevant stakeholders is essential.

Turkey will spare no effort to support the concrete steps outlined in this roadmap. We have offered to host the Mid-Term Review Conference of the Istanbul Programme of Action in 2015.