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**STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR TACAN İLDEM  
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Concerning developments in Ukraine  
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Mr. Chairperson,

At the outset, allow me to express my appreciation to you, Mr. Chairperson, and to our esteemed Ukrainian colleague for providing us with ample information regarding the developments in Ukraine. I would like to convey Turkey's earnest hope that the political crisis in our neighbor and strategic partner Ukraine will be resolved as soon as possible, on the basis of democratic principles, through an inclusive process of dialogue involving all parties.

At this juncture it is important to stress the need for a solution within the framework of Ukraine's national unity, territorial integrity and constitutional system.

Turkey will continue to support any democratic solution which takes into consideration the legitimate aspirations of the friendly Ukrainian people, as well as the ongoing active engagement and efforts of the OSCE Chairmanship-in-Office towards such an end, including the appointment of the Special Envoy.

Thank you.