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**STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR TACAN İLDEM,
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REGARDING THE NEW GOVERNMENT OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

**902nd PERMANENT COUNCIL
16 February 2012**

Mr. Chairman,

We welcome the approval of the composition of the Ministers and Deputy Ministers based on the agreement of 28 December 2011 reached by the six winning political parties of the 3rd October 2010 elections and the official formation of the sixth government of Bosnia and Herzegovina under the Chairmanship of Vyekoslav Bevanda at the 10 February session of the BiH House of Representatives.

Turkey attaches great importance to its relations with Bosnia and Herzegovina and acts with solidarity for the enhancement of the well-being and prosperity of the friendly people of this country. We wish the new government every success in meeting the challenges ahead and in implementing the long expected reforms. We reiterate once again our commitment to support Bosnia and Herzegovina in every aspect.

Thank you.