

Turkish Ambassador's Statement to RECCA VI

I would like to thank to the government of Afghanistan and ministry of foreign affairs for this well organized conference and warm hospitality extend to participants.

We welcome Afghanistan playing a central role in promoting dialogue and development in the region and contributing to better economic integration by actively participating in the regional forums projects.

We believe that this conference is timely in terms of reviewing our commitment for advancing regional interconnection and also supporting Afghanistan in achieving peace and prosperity.

By effective utilization of its natural regional attracting investment transit Afghanistan may increase growth and create jobs thus achieving a sustainable economic development.

In this regional we welcome the emphasis of RECCA VI on projects that aim to transform Afghanistan to a regional trade and transportation hubs. Lapis Lazuli trade corridor carries, these projects could also complement confidence building identified in the scope of heat of Asia – Istanbul process.

We are of the view that regional cooperation is good and beneficial to all and could reinforce peace and stability in the region thus we fully support this conference work with all in this region.

The president Ghani this morning rightly said that historical silk road was a simple road but transit zone this has led me development idea with your permission I would like to put forward this idea here in Kabul in the heart of silk road and call for the formation a Silk Road free trade and transit area based in Afghanistan in which goods capital and professional could freely, I believe that by such as approach and projects, we could revive the historical silk road.

Thank you