**CLOSING REMARKS BY TURKEY DURING THE PLENARY SESSION**

**Friday, 24 May in Plenary, Time: 19.30**

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**Deputy Secretary General of the Court of Cassation**

Madam Chair, Distinguished Delegates,

I would like to thank distinguished delegates of the CCPCJ for the adoption of the resolution L12 - Enhancing Transparency in the Judicial Process.

As we know, the responsibility of ensuring fair and efficient functioning of the judiciary belongs to the judiciary. Chief justices, who came together from all around the world, developed the İstanbul Declaration with the sense of this responsibility. By adopting this resolution, CCPCJ has provided a strong support for the efforts of judges in ensuring proper functioning of the judiciary. This strong support will contribute to the regionally and internationally ongoing dialogues among judges to become more productive.

As I end my words in here, I would like to thank on behalf of the Court of Cassation of the Republic of Turkey, chief justices who contributed to the Istanbul Declaration and our international experts.

I extend my deepest regard to you, all.