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Dear Prime Minister, 

Today's summit opened a new chapter in our relationship and the opening of an era based upon mutual trust.

Whilst it is clear that we need to cooperate to secure our borders and jointly stem the migratory flows, it was also extremely important to me that the summit went far beyond the current refugee crisis.

As long-standing strategic partners our cooperation covers many areas such as trade, economy, foreign policy and energy. I was pleased that we were able to reach agreement on how to move forward speedily in all these areas of cooperation.

In particular, I welcome that, ten years after we first began negotiations, we will be putting new and fresh energy into the accession process. We have an agreement to hold the Intergovernmental conference to open chapter 17 on economic and monetary union on 14 December.

I would also, in this context, like to reiterate the commitment of the European Commission to complete, together with Turkey, in the first quarter of 2016, the preparatory work for the opening of chapter 15 "Energy", chapter 23 "Judiciary and Fundamental Rights", chapter 24 "Justice, freedom and security", chapter 26 "Education and culture" and chapter 31 "Foreign, security and defence policy" without prejudice to the position of Member States. Preparatory work could also subsequently begin on further chapters.

I look forward to our common journey and endeavours over the years to come.

H. E. Mr. Ahmet Davutoğlu
Prime Minister of Turkey

By email