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Dear Friends,

First of all, I would like to express my deepest sadness and sympathy to the families of victims of the horrific attack on the US embassy in Ankara, Turkey that took place on February 1, 2013. We adamantly condemn such acts of violence, and believe and hope that this act will not affect the strong friendship and cooperation between the Turkish and American people. We hope that we will continue to build our warm and friendly relationship through constructive dialogues and talks.

On February 26, Dr. Fevzi Bilgin, the Rethink Institute's Executive Director and I, were invited to the Supreme Court for a reception in honor of the State Attorney Generals and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States John Roberts. The hosts were very interested in the political developments in Turkey and we had a rather constructive discussion on the process of drafting of a new Turkish constitution. The hosts expressed their hope that the new document will be fully democratic, with strong safeguards for the freedom of expression and civil rights. Later, we had an opportunity to talk about the Turkic American Alliance's mission and goals and describe its current and future events and programs. We were also glad to learn that the National Association of the Attorney Generals (NAAG) will be organizing an informative trip to Turkey this June.

I am very excited to inform you that currently we working very intensely on the logistics and the organization of the Third Annual Turkic American Convention, and we are in the final phase of our preparations. As you probably already know, the topic of the 2013 Turkic American Convention is "Energy, Trade, and Development". There has been a huge interest from the participating countries and the ambassadors of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan will be key speakers for each country's panel session. Highly ranked officials have also confirmed their attendance at the Convention.

I hope to see most of you at the Convention this March. Do visit our website for further details and registration
<http://turkicamericanconvention.org/>.

Warmest Regards,
Dr. Faruk Taban,
President
Turkic American Alliance

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TAA condemns the attack on US Embassy



February 1, 2013

A Turkish security guard was killed and several other people wounded in a suicide bombing outside the highly-fortified US embassy in Ankara today, officials said. Turkic American Alliance (TAA) condemns the attack and strongly rejects any use of force to terrorize innocent people and the killing of innocent people. We strongly believe that those who are responsible for this horrific attack will not

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Register for upcoming 2013 TAC



February 1, 2013

On March 12 and 13, 2013, the Turkic American Alliance proudly announces its Third Annual Turkic American Convention. This year leading policy makers from several countries such as, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan will discuss issues focusing on energy, trade and regional development.

Please click [HERE](#) for more details and registration.

TAA Member Federation President attended SOTU



February 12, 2013

On February 12th, President Obama delivered the 2013 State of the Union address to Congress and the nation. The State of the Union is the address presented by the President of the United States to a joint session of the United States Congress, typically delivered annually. The address not only reports on the condition of the nation but also allows presidents to outline their legislative agenda and their national

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Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick at Turkish Cultural Center



February 17, 2013

Arizona Congresswoman Ann Kirkpatrick (Representative for District 1) was at the Breakfast Series at the Turkish Cultural Center in Phoenix AZ on February 17, along with her husband Roger and her staff member, Nettie Silleck. She has informed about the activities of Turkish Cultural Center, including its Lecture Series, the Dialogue and Friendship annual trip to Turkey, the Cooking Class

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TAA and Rethink Institute attended NAAG Reception

February 26, 2013

The new constitution of Turkey received much attention during a reception organized to honor the State Attorney Generals in the United States Supreme Court, on February 26, 2013. As participants, TAA's President Dr. Faruk Taban and the Rethink Institute's Executive Director Dr. Fevzi Bilgin, informed the



Attorney Generals about the progress of the constitutional project and answered their questions. Some of the US State Attorney

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2013 Convention on Energy, Trade and Development



February 28, 2013

Organized by the Turkic American Alliance in cooperation with the Turkish Confederation of Businessmen and Industrialists (TUSKON) and the Rethink Institute - the 2013 Turkic American Convention, will be held on Wednesday, March 12-13 at JW Marriott Hotel in Washington, DC. This year leading policy makers from several countries such as, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan,

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