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Being the youngest member of the Turkish IPU Group, I have a great honour to share with you my candidacy to the vacant position for the Board of Young Parliamentarians.

I was born in 1992 in Ankara. I completed first and secondary education at TED Ankara College. I graduated from high school with an International Baccalaureate diploma. Afterward, I completed my undergraduate education at Bilkent University Faculty of Law in 2014. After one year of legal internship, I worked as an active lawyer for 3 years in the fields of energy, information technologies, and space law.

During my university education, I participated in such social activities for strengthening education in disadvantaged regions of Turkey.

In 2014, in the AK Party's Youth Congress, which is the most inclusive youth movement of Turkey with its 1.5 million members, I was elected as the Vice President in charge of Public Relations. In the meantime, I traveled around various cities of Turkey and arranged well-attended, common wisdom meetings with non-governmental organizations.

In the AK Party's convention of 2017, I left the youth branch of party and was elected as a member of the AK Party Central Disciplinary Board, and I became the youngest

member of the Central Disciplinary Board. I also carried on the duty of Vice-Chairmanship of Publicity and Media at the Headquarters of AK Party.

In the general elections of Turkey which were held in 2018, I was elected as a member of the parliament from the second electoral district of Ankara, as one of the youngest MPs of Turkey.

In a rapidly digitizing world, I continue my legislative activities in order to integrate the legal systems of the country into new economic order; I also study on the subjects of protection of personal data in the concept of human rights and protection of personal rights and freedoms on the social media platforms. In this context, I have contributed to the preparation of the Law which is known as the social media law, in the Grand National Assembly of Turkey.

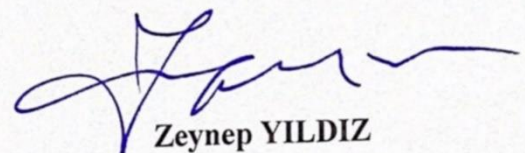
I attach great importance to implement youth and rural development projects simultaneously. While I am continuing to study on strengthening vocational and technical education in Turkey, I also achieve specific projects on climate change and digital agriculture for rural development. Besides, I've been leading a series of initiatives in Ankara recording the rich civil architecture and ethnography and promoting astrophotography together with the university students of Ankara.

I am member of the Committee on National Education, Culture, Youth, and Sports and spokesperson of the Committee on Digital Platforms. I also served as a member of the Investigation Committee on Animal Rights. I am chair of Turkey-Namibia Inter-Parliamentary Friendship Group and alternate member of Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.

I would like to express my strong interest in youth representation and empowerment in democracies. I am strongly convinced that in the age of hyperconnectivity, while individuals can interact in such rapid way, we, as the young policy makers who have a voice in the policy making stages of nation states are more open to communication. I believe, young parliamentarians have news and powerful words to say.

Today, presenting my credential for the position, I would like to make the necessary contribution to the workload of the Committee as much as I can and I do hope your robust and candid support will give me the opportunity to work for that purpose.

Sincerely Yours,



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Member of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey from the Justice and Development Party (AK Party)

Born in 1992. Attorney at Law; She completed her primary and secondary education at Ted Ankara College and graduated from Bilkent University Faculty of Law in 2014.

She worked as a manager at a law firm that provides international services. Afterwards, she served for a company operating in the information sector. She performed as a deputy chairperson of Political and Legal Affairs of AK Party Youth Branch of Ankara Province in 2007. Then, she was assigned as a deputy chairperson of AK Party Youth Branches and chairperson of Public Relations Department. She was a member of the Central Disciplinary Board of the AK Party and deputy chairperson of Publicity and Media Department of AK Party.

In the elections of 24th June 2018, she was elected as MP for Ankara. She is also member of the Committee on National Education, Culture, Youth and Sports. She is chair of Turkey-Namibia Interparliamentary Friendship Group and alternate member of Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.