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Your Excellency, **Amb. Sedat Onal, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs** of the Republic of Turkey and Co-Chair of the Joint Senior Officials Meeting;

Your Excellency, **Mr. Jean Leon Ngandu**, Ambassador of the Republic of the Democratic Republic of Congo in Ethiopia, and Chair of the AU Permanent Representatives Committee;

Your Excellencies, **Ambassadors and Senior Officials'** from AU Member States;

Excellencies, Distinguished Participants;

Ladies and Gentlemen;

Allow me to thank you all for your presence and your effective participation at this important Senior Officials' Meeting of the Africa-Turkey Partnerships. This reflects our desire and determination to strengthen and make sure that the partnership delivers for the benefit of African and Turkish peoples.

I want to assure you that your valuable contributions to the discussions and improvement of the Draft Declaration and for the implementation of our Joint Action Plan remains a great incentive for the realization of a win-win partnership as we aim to transform Africa, which in turn will benefit Turkey.

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

To conclude my remarks, I would like to express my most sincere gratitude to our host, **H.E. Amb. Sedat Onal, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs**, the Government and the people of this great Nation of Turkey, for their kind hospitality.

I wish us all successful deliberations during the Ministerial Meeting tomorrow.

I thank you,