

the assembly will hear in address by his excellency rajab president of the republic of turkey i request protocol to escort his excellency on behalf of the general assembly i have the honor to welcome to the united nations his excellency rajab sayib ardaran president of the republic of turkey and to invite him to address the assembly esteemed president venerable heads of state and government honorable secretary general distinguished delegates on behalf of myself and my nation i would like to wholeheartedly greet you i wish that the 76th session of the united nations general assembly will be beneficial for our countries and the entire human race i'm very pleased to be at the general assembly again after two years to address you because as the humanity in the last two years we've really been through painful times we have lost 4.6 million people including our friends relatives and loved ones during the covet 19 pandemic which was labeled as the biggest health crisis of the last century despite all the efforts displayed and the progress was made in vaccination we still witness the continuation of the negative ramifications of the pandemic in such a climate that we are observing the 76th session of the united nations general assembly and i do believe that the messages of solidarity and cooperation which we will be conveying here will not only support the fight against the pandemic but also increase the hopes of billions of people who are going through very challenging times our general assembly needs to be strengthened so that the international community can contribute more effectively to the solution of global problems and i would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to mr vulcan bosker president of the 75th general assembly for his fruitful work towards that direction and i do believe that mr abdullah shahid who recently assumed the presidency of the 76th general assembly will carry the flag forward to greater heights and as turkey we will continue to fulfill our responsibilities so that the general assembly can carry out its activities in the most efficient way on this occasion i also would like to congratulate mr guterres who once again assumed the duty of united nations secretary general and wish him continued success it's extremely fitting that this year's general assembly has been organized under the theme building resilience through hope first of all i would like to express one fact no matter how painful it might be to hear unfortunately we were reminded once again during this pandemic that the entire world are a part of a big family but the solidarity test that we were put to failed us miserably especially the underdeveloped countries and poor segments of the societies were literally left to their fate in the face of the pandemic the distorted structure of the global system which rather creates problems instead of solutions deepens those problems and condemns them to insolvency also holds its share in the increased loss of lives around the world at a time when millions of people have lost their lives and tens of millions of people are suffering in the grip of the virus it is a disgrace for humanity that the vaccine nationalism is still being carried on through different methods it's clear that a global disaster such as the kovit 19 pandemic can only be overcome through international cooperation and solidarity it's not possible for any country to survive safely on its own before all countries are free from this pandemic we hope that the will which we will be showcased in the general assembly will constitute a turning point in understanding this fact for what it is in addition to the importance of global cooperation during the pandemic we had the opportunity to observe the high level that medical science has achieved we took pride in the fact that the first vaccine approved by the who has been developed by two scientists of turkish origin living in germany we as turkey have tried to share the capabilities at our disposal with our friends and brothers and sisters around the world from day one which complies with our belief which is basically let the people live so that the state can live while providing on the one hand the best health care services to our citizens we also sent medical aid to 159 countries and 12 international organizations on this occasion i would like to inform you that we will all we will offer in the

near future our national vaccine called turkovac to the benefit of all humanity together with our nation we support the initiatives towards strengthening the world health organization and preparing a convention against pandemics we also emphasize in particular that a reasonable balance should be established between the protection of public health and the continuation of social and economic life distinguished delegates the events that we've witnessed remind us some of the realities once again our joys like our sorrows our sufferings like our achievements and our problems like the solutions are all common when somebody acts with affect a complete logic the entire humanity would pay the bill not just the major countries we witnessed lastly in afghanistan in a very painful way that the problems cannot be solved by imposing methods that do not take into account the realities and the social fabric on the ground or in the field the people of afghanistan have been left alone they were abandoned with the consequences of instability and the conflicts that have lasted for more than four decades regardless of the political process afghanistan needs the help and solidarity of the international community we hope that peace stability and security will be established in the country as soon as possible and that they and that the afghan people will find relief as turkey we will continue to fulfill our fraternal duty towards the afghan people during their difficult days ten years have gone by in the humanitarian drama in syria which caused the death of hundreds of thousands of people and the displacement of millions of people before the eyes of the whole world while our country embraces close to four million syrians we are also battling on the ground terrorist organizations that have drowned the region in blood and tears we are the only nato ally which has fought daesh karakor and defeated this terrorist organization again with our presence on the ground we were able to stop the massacres and ethnic cleansing activities atrocities committed by the pkk terrorist organizations extensions in syria as a result of our efforts and at the expense of our martyrs we were able to ensure the voluntary return of 462 000 syrians to the areas where we provided security in a similar way thanks to our footprint in idlib we've saved the lives of millions of people and prevented them from being displaced the international community cannot allow the syrian crisis to linger on for another 10 years we need to display a stronger will to find a political solution to the problem based on the united nations security council resolution 2254 and in a way that will meet the expectations of the syrian people we welcome the extension of the united nations humanitarian assistance mechanism which is delivered to the northwest of syria via turkey for yet another 12 months we hope that the council consulatory approach displayed on this issue will also be emulated in order to bring forward the political process and ensure the voluntary safe and dignified return of the asylum seekers i would like to once again reiterate in your presence that making any distinction between the terrorist organizations in the region and using them as subcontractors in the field is unacceptable acts of terrorism in different countries around the world over the past 10 years have shown that terrorism is not only our common enemy but that of the entire mankind our struggle against terrorist organizations that threaten the territorial integrity of syria and other and our national security will continue with resolve in our country with the exception of the syrians there are also migrants under various statuses the number of which currently exceeds 1 million because of because of the current developments in afghanistan we are faced with the possibility of another influx of migrants from this country as a country that saved human dignity in the syrian crisis we no longer have the potential nor the capability to absorb new immigration influxes on the basis of fair burden and responsibility sharing it is high time for all the stakeholders to do their part on this issue a concrete attitude now needs to be displayed against those who erode the 1951 geneva convention and the international humanitarian law distinguished delegates thanks to our strong support for international legitimacy in libya a

ceasefire was declared and then the presidential council and the national unity government were formed we will continue to support the efforts of the national unity government to provide public services and unify all institutions and organize elections in a timely manner i reiterate my call to the international community to stand by the legitimate government which represents all regions of libya one of the most important problems that fuels instability and threatens peace and security in our region is the israel israeli and palestinian conflict as long as the persecution of the palestinian people continues lasting peace and stability in the middle east is not possible for this reason invasion annexation and illegal settlement policies must absolutely and immediately be brought to an end we will continue to stand up against the violation of the international status of jerusalem which is based on the united nations resolution of 1947 and against violations of the sanctity of the haram al-sharif and of the rights of the palestinian people the peace process and the vision of a two-state solution must be revived without further delay the establishment of an independent and contiguous palestinian state with jerusalem as its capital on the basis of the 1967 borders remain amongst our primary objectives important steps have been taken forward vis-a-vis establishing stability in the caucuses by exercising its right of self-defense azerbaijan has ended the invasion of its own territory which has been the subject of security council resolutions which were not implemented for many years this development has also enabled the opening of a new horizon ahead of us for opportunities to be explored in the region to establish a lasting and a sustainable peace we are determined to support every positive step forward that will be taken by the parties involved we attach importance to the protection of the territorial integrity and sovereignty of ukraine including the crimea whose annexation we do not recognize within china's territorial integrity perspective we do believe that more efforts need to be displayed regarding the protection of the basic rights of the muslim uyghur turks we maintain our stance in favor of solving the ongoing problem in kashmir for 74 years through dialogue between the parties and within the framework of relevant united nations resolutions we also support ensuring the safe voluntary and dignified return of rohingya muslims who are living under difficult circumstances in camps in bangladesh and myanmar back to their homelands fair lasting and a sustainable solution to the cyprus question is possible only through a results-oriented realistic approach while the leader of one of the two peoples on the island which the united nations considers as equal can address you it's not fair that the other leader cannot make his voice heard on this platform for a solution it is necessary to reaffirm the sovereign equality and equal international status of the turkish cypriot people who are the co-owners of the island therefore we support the new vision put forward by the turkish cypriots for a solution i hereby call on the international community to address the views of the turkish cypriots with an open mind and without any prejudice the continuation of the calm environment in eastern mediterranean region is in our common interest we hope that the problems regarding maritime boundary delimitation the limitation will be resolved within the framework of international law and good neighborly relations for this it is necessary first of all to abandon the mentality whereby turkey which has the longest coast in the eastern mediterranean is completely disregarded in the region our proposal to organize an eastern mediterranean conference in which all the actors in the region will be represented for dialogue and cooperation still remains on the table similarly we believe that the problem in the aegean sea should be resolved through a bilateral dialogue we also maintain our determination in the european union membership process we are in full solidarity with the continent and the african union also today drawing on the strength of our deep-rooted ties with africa which dates back two centuries with this understanding we continue our efforts to hold the third turkey africa partnership summit in turkey in the

forthcoming periods with our asia anew initiative we are consolidating turkey's unifying position between europe and asia likewise we attach great significance to developing our relations with latin america and the caribbean region on bilateral and multilateral platforms turkey has been and will continue to be by the side of every step taken forward for a safer peaceful prosperous and equitable world for everyone distinguished delegates while the earth embraces millions of living species on its soil it only expects us to respect the balance of nature in return for this generosity mankind has recklessly used the resources the earth offered us in search of progress and development which we pursued throughout history at the end of this process that lasted for centuries we are now facing threats entirely caused by men outside nature's own balance the problems which we may classify under topics such as climate change air pollution water and food security laws of biodiversity have reached to such an extent that we will steer us from a safe and a prosperous future for the entire human race among these topics climate change is one we should particularly focus on as beyond being an environmental problem it will lead to irreparable consequences and uncertainty greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide methane nitrous oxide which have increased by 50 percent compared to the pre-industrial period literally elevate the world's temperature indeed for some time now disasters have been occurring all around the world caused by an increase of 1.1 degrees celsius compared to the pre-industrial period we are experiencing unusual events such as floods in asia and europe hurricanes in america drought in africa fires in the mediterranean basin rainfall on the peak of greenland and snowfall on the deserts these disasters not only cause damage to the environment and the ecosystem but also threaten people's livelihoods and property in many places people are collectively preparing to go to other places to migrate however the world hasn't still found a solution to the refugee problem caused by conflict-prone crisis regions such as syria and afghanistan at this time we don't know how to deal with the migration of hundreds of millions of people due to factors such as drought food shortages and meteorological events the greatest impact of climate change will be observed on the populations living in the centers of metropolitans for example the city of new york where we are right now has gone through very challenging days as it has suffered from giant hurricanes within only a two week time span which in turn caused rainfalls witnessed only once every 500 years the destruction caused by rains affecting the western affecting the western europe has yet to be repaired although we as turkey produce the most rapid and effective solutions in that regard with experienced our share of quite challenging days a significant part of the world infrastructure is a byproduct of the last two centuries of human progress so it is not possible to handle the ramifications of climate change with the existing infrastructure the continued rise in global temperatures hence expectations for more intense rainfalls must steer all of us towards new pursuits for example it has now become mandatory for urban planning to be taken into consideration by respecting the consequences of climate change another danger awaiting our world is that forests being among the most important carbon sinks are now facing complete annihilation due to land use on the one hand and fires on the other another area affected by the increase in temperature is our seas expanding water and melting glaciers have raised sea levels by 20 centimeters over the past centuries this figure is the fastest increase during the last 3000 years if effective measures will not be taken and greenhouse gas emissions will continue to increase sea levels are expected to rise by more than one meter at the end of the century such a rise would mean that an important part of coastal cities and island states will be wiped out completely of course this situation will also be accompanied by new and massive waves of migration i would like to draw your attention to the fact that all these problems have come up only with a 1.1 degree celsius increase in temperature i leave it to you to consider

what would happen if the temperature increase would reach 1.5 celsius or 2 celsius or even more distinguished delegates hence after all these developments as the states of the world we came together in 2015 to fight climate change and we've agreed on the paris climate agreement the scope of the agreement is to limit global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees celsius by the midst of the century however the current trend shows that this is not quite possible if measures will not be taken julie for this reason first and foremost it's compulsory for countries with historical accountability for the emergence of problems which led to climate change to take the main responsibility it may be possible to prevent the coronavirus pandemic with the vaccines which were developed however it's out of the question to find such a laboratory manufactured solution to climate change for this reason also for climate change we repeat our appeal with the motto that we continuously repeat the world is bigger than five whoever has done the most damage to nature to our atmosphere our water our soil and the earth and whoever has wildly exploited natural resources should also make the greatest contribution to the fight against climate change unlike the past this time no one can afford the luxury to say i'm powerful so i will not pay the bill because climate change will treat mankind quite equally it will treat everyone exactly the same regardless of the differences between the european or the asian american or the african rich or the poor the duty for all of us is to take measures against this enormous threat with a fair burden sharing and to fulfill our obligations julie and immediately as turkey we act with this mentality we are among the first countries to have signed the paris climate agreement however we hadn't yet ratified this agreement due to the injustices related to stated obligations and burden sharing i would like to announce to the whole world here from the united nations general assembly the decision we have taken following the progress made within the framework of the agreement recently we plan to present the paris climate agreement for approval to our parliament next month within the framework of our national determination contribution statement and in conformity with the positive steps which will be taken before the united nations climate change conference which will be held in glasgow we envisage to complete the ratification phase of the carbon neutral targeted agreement we consider this process which will lead to radical changes in our investment manufacturing and employment policies as one of the main elements of our 2053 vision of course we have other measures with respect to climate change we prepared the action plan necessary for harmonization with european union's green deal and put it into effect in the past month with the zero waste project late led by first lady my wife her excellency amina ardagon we increased our recycling rate by nine points in three years we increased our sink areas by increasing our forest assets from 20.8 million hectares to approximately 23 million hectares we increased the share of renewable energy resources in our electricity generation capacity to 53 percent we have been promoting the steps that will structure our industry that will restructure our industry in accordance with cleaner production activities for a better future we are determined to bring these efforts forward by receiving the necessary financial support turkey is not indifferent to any global problem whatsoever crisis or call and will do its part on climate change and environmental protection similarly so ladies and gentlemen before i conclude my remark i would like to emphasize once again that our belief a fairer world is possible despite the difficulties we face in this vein we continue to view the united nations as the unique platform for solving issues that concern the entire human race our new turkish house building located right in front of this building which we have officially inaugurated only yesterday is a testimony of our trust and confidence in the united nations system as a country with one of the five largest diplomatic networks in the world we have a strong presence in the field and at the table for conscientious and fair solutions in a very wide geography we can build a world of peace

stability prosperity and happiness all together i once again would like to greet you all on behalf of my nation and wish the 76th general assembly utmost success may you all remain in good health on behalf of the general assembly i wish to thank the president of the republic of turkey for the statement just made in a request protocol to escort his excellency you