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Nemrud Dagh

To whom it may concern,

With this letter I confirm the interest of the Minister of Education, Culture and Science of the Netherlands, Mrs. Maria Van der Hoeven, in the research and restoration project Nemrud Dagh, conducted since 2001 by Prof. Dr. H.A.G. Brijder of the University of Amsterdam.

The foundation of the Netherlands Institute for Higher Education in Ankara, which will be officially opened in December, has been inspired by the wish to establish new forms of Dutch-Turkish cooperation in the field of higher education. From this perspective, Mrs. Van der Hoeven would be most interested in a continuation of the Nemrud Dagh project on a bilateral basis, that is as a joint Dutch-Turkish enterprise. The Minister is acquainted with the history and present situation of the project and with the progress made.

Mrs. Van der Hoeven would highly appreciate receiving an indication, through the appropriate formal channels, about the willingness of the Turkish government to reposition the Nemrud Dagh project as a bilateral cooperation project.

I hope you will be willing to render assistance to Prof. Dr. H.A.G. Brijder and await your response to the Minister of Education, Culture and Science.

Yours sincerely,

Director-General Higher Education, Vocational Education and Science
of the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science



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