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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

The wide range of bilateral activities between Turkey and The Netherlands has recently been enlarged and intensified in the field of archaeology. Work has started to save one of the most important archaeological sites in Turkey, the well known burial sculptures of King Antiochos I on Mount Nemrud.

The reconstruction and restoration of the site is now a subject of joint co-operation between Turkish authorities and experts and the University of Amsterdam and the International Nemrud Foundation, which was set up in the Netherlands in order to mobilise financial support for the project.

The international recognition of the importance of the monument is demonstrated by encouraging reactions from sponsors from various countries, including Turkey itself. It is indeed a privilege to be associated to the conservation and restoration of this unique archaeological site which is attracting thousands of visitors every year.

As Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Turkey, I give full support to the efforts to save Nemrud Dağı from degradation and to restore it to its former glory. I commend this joint venture between my country and Turkey to the widest possible public interest and support.

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