



OFFICE OF THE
COMMISSIONER FOR BURNS

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

ON

**Turkey's Devastating
7.2 Magnitude Earthquake
October 23rd 2011**

As the Commissioner for Burns and Head of Delegation, I would like to offer our sincere condolences to the families of "those" whom have lost loved-ones; as a result of the devastating 7.2 magnitude earthquake on 23 October 2011.

Moreover, at least 523 Turkish Citizens have died and another 1,650 were injured after the powerful earthquake struck the City of Van, Turkey. We- I know no words can ever bring back someone lost and/or killed; I would only hope they offer some kind of comfort during this inordinate interim of sadness, as expressed by all Citizens of the World.

Furthermore, I would like to take this time to offer my good offices, in the overall recovery efforts- being conducted at this time and to truly let the Turkish People know we are here to assist them, at their during their time of need!

Sincerely,
H. E. Brandon C. Jones-McGeer
Commissioner for Burns and Head of Delegation

