



## JIM HOAGLAND

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My name is Jim Hoagland and my job is to get the rest of the show on the road, so we will continue our programme. It is a great pleasure and a great honour for me to introduce to you the former Prime Minister of Turkey, Ahmet Davutoglu. He is a man who is known in my profession as someone who is very interested in dialogue, in communication. He has always had his door open to visiting journalists, communicators, and scholars.

It is a time of national turmoil and international turmoil as well. I think we can look forward to a message from the former Turkish Prime Minister that will emphasise the theme that has been chosen for our conference, of hope. As I said, it is my job now to get the rest of the show on the road and to let it glide towards a very graceful ending some two hours from now. You may think that sounds hopeful, but when we take on the size of the problems that face the area, it is only natural that we will try to do that. Therefore, I now turn the floor over to the former Prime Minister of Turkey.