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**LET'S UNEARTH THE TRUTH
ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED IN 1915 TOGETHER**

TURKEY INVITES ARMENIA TO STUDY HISTORICAL FACTS JOINTLY

To this end, Turkey proposed to Armenia the establishment of a
JOINT COMMISSION OF HISTORIANS

which will also be open to third parties

TURKEY ENSURES FULL ACCESS TO ALL ITS ARCHIVES

We look to a future of freedom, peace, and prosperity in Armenia and Turkey
and hope that Prime Minister Erdoğan's recent proposal for a joint
Turkish-Armenian commission can help advance these processes.

President George W. Bush

I fully understand how strongly both Turkey and Armenia
feel about this issue. Ultimately, this painful matter
can only be resolved by both sides examining the past together.

President Bill Clinton

These historical circumstances require a very detailed and sober look from historians.
And what we've encouraged the Turks and the Armenians to do is to have
joint historical commissions that can look at this, to have efforts to examine
their past and, in examining their past, to get over their past.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice

The proper platform to discuss this subject
can only be a forum composed of Turkish and Armenian historians,
under conditions of equality and freedom.

Turkish Armenian Patriarch Mesrob II

**WE CAN FACE THE TRUTH ABOUT OUR PAST;
WE CALL UPON THE ARMENIANS TO DO THE SAME**

**On April 10, 2005, Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan asked
Armenian President Robert Kocharian and the people of Armenia:**

"...to establish a joint group consisting of historians and other experts from our two countries to study the
developments and events of 1915 not only in the archives of Turkey and Armenia but also in the archives
of all relevant third countries and to share their findings with the international public."

"As leaders of our countries, our primary duty is to leave to our future generations a peaceful
and friendly environment in which tolerance and mutual respect shall prevail."

**On March 28, 2007, Turkish Deputy Prime Minister
and Foreign Minister Abdullah Gül reaffirmed this offer:**

"We eagerly await a positive response from Armenia, agreeing to establish this joint commission
and declaring its readiness to accept its conclusions.... I hereby extend an invitation to any third country,
including the United States, to contribute to this commission by appointing scholars who will
earnestly work to shed light on these tragic events and open ways for us to come together."

SUPPORT EFFORTS TO EXAMINE HISTORY, NOT LEGISLATE IT.

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