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**NOTE FOR THE ATTENTION OF**

- **CHRISTIAN DANIELSSON, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF DG NEAR**
- **GIANMARCO DI VITA, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR BUDGET AND ADMINISTRATION IN THE EEAS**
- **MRS BELEN MARTINEZ CARBONELL, DIRECTOR FOR HUMAN RESOURCES IN THE EEAS**
- **MARK JOHNSTON, DIRECTOR FOR RESOURCES IN DG NEAR**

**Subject: Local staff members at the EU-Delegation in Ankara**

We have received information about the precarious situation of local staff members at the EU-Delegation in Ankara, whose salary is paid in local currency, i.e. in Turkish Lira. Local staff salaries were fixed at 2.3 TRY/€ rate while the exchange rate is app. 7.8 TRY/€ currently, resulting in a depreciation of app. 340% to date.

The depreciation of the TRY has been ongoing for several years. This year however the depreciation has accelerated and the Turkish Lira lost over 40% of its value against the Euro coupled with the highest inflation (17.9% in August 2018) in 15 years.

Colleagues working at the EU Delegation in Ankara are desperate and seeking for urgent remedy. Inaction by HQ (Commission/EEAS) is increasingly pushing local agents to look for a second job if they want to make ends meet and provide financial stability to their families.

Generation 2004 is calling upon you to urgently revise this situation in Ankara by paying local colleagues' salaries in Euro as it is the case in many other Delegations.

(Signed electronically)

Pascal Le Grand  
**Chair of Generation 2004**

CC: Staff at the EU-Delegation in Ankara, Mr Sandor Dusik, Ms Eva Lieber.