

# 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."

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