

**TO YATA INTERNATINONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD**

13/09/2016

Dear Sir/Madam;

Hereby I would like to state the motivation behind my intention to apply for Secretary-General position in the YATA Executive Board.

I am currently occupied as *Editor-in-Chief in Turkish Language* for **Crimean News Agency**. Having worked as *Editor-in-Chief* for English language economy-business magazine **The Turkish Perspective** previously, I have a considerable work and managing experience in field of journalism in two languages. Besides, I am independent columnist, writing for various Turkish and English language web sites, mostly on certain topics such as international relations, national security, communication and politics.

I have always seen international bodies like NATO as crucial tools to ensure the world peace and guarantee the universal laws, finding inspiration in the institution's motto, *animus in consulendo liber*. As my country is located in a region which has witnessed years of instability, military conflicts, religious tension and civil wars, I have always advocated that Turkey should be a respected, equal and actively contributing part of the western "Free World", loyal to democracy, pluralism and secularism. Thus, my interest in NATO further developed, feeling the responsibility to do my part, resulted in my volunteering for YATA Turkey chapter.

As I began to work as a part of YATA Turkey crew, which had happened relatively recently, my fellow colleagues elected me as the President after the resignation of the previous President. I saw this as a sign of trust, as it was quite unexpected for a fresh member to be elected and entrusted so quickly, my sense of responsibility was twice stronger than usual, as I felt that I should give more than ordinary to prove myself worthy of this demonstration of trust. I would like to take this to a new level, by representing my country in YATA Executive Board, contributing to the activities, then by guiding the further generations of YATA Turkey with the experience I am hoping to earn from the post.

Moreover, I believe that Turkey being represented at such a level will have a strong message, considering the recent allegations that Turkey-NATO relations have been experiencing an icy phase. As ATA functions as an organization strengthening the links and cooperation amongst NATO member countries, I see this as an opportunity to participate in the course of reaching a state of understanding and solidarity, as well as being an important step for my personal development to acquire the necessary skills and experience to serve further in different positions in the future.

Having studied in the field of communication, I worked hard on my skills to give the precise message to the precise audience with as few misunderstandings and need for further clarifications as possible, which I believe to be an important skill for a role responsible of ensuring the coherence amongst the all members. Therefore I am confident that I will serve as Secretary-General with success and approval of all colleagues, if I am elected for the position.

Thank you for considering my application.

Best regards;

M. Bahadırhan Dinçaslan  
YATA Turkey President