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Dear UNEP Representative,

Firstly we would like to congratulate you on your activities regarding the environment.

As you may recall, with a decision made on 27.11.1978 UNESCO had declared 1981 "World Atatürk Year" to commemorate an exemplary leader. This has only been done for one statesman (Atatürk) in the history of the UN.

Our research and examinations have revealed that the founding President of the Turkish Republic, Atatürk, was one of the first environmentalist statesmen in the world!

When examined carefully, we see that many of the basic principles agreed at your 1972 Stockholm, 1992 Rio and 2002 Johannesburg Conferences related to nature and the environment had been implemented by Atatürk in the 1930's.

Our informative brief on the subject, entitled "Atatürk's love of nature and the environment" is attached for your reference. We believe that one example presented in the file attached will be interesting in particular; the house ("The Moving Kiosk/*Mansion*\*) moved from its location to avoid cutting a tree branch! Efforts to include this iconic building in the UNESCO World Heritage List have started.

In this letter, we request that Atatürk be posthumously awarded with the UN-World Environment Award and wish any forthcoming UN Environment Conference be held in the city of Yalova, where the house "The Moving Kiosk" is located. We would like to present this request for evaluation by the relevant body for consideration and kindly ask to be notified of the result.

We would like to extend an offer to provide further information and presentations if required and thank you in advance for your positive approach.

Yours sincerely,

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[\*] *Mansion*, added in by The Light Millennium for the web posting.

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**Attachment:**

- 1) Informative brief regarding "Atatürk's love of nature and approach to environmentalism"
- 2) Photographs (4)
  - a) Atatürk (1932)
  - b) The Moving Kiosk (modern photo)
  - c) The Moving Kiosk (taken while the house was being moved)
  - d) Logo
  - e) Photo of the petitioners in front of the The Moving Kiosk  
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