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In regards to: Woodrow Wilson Award for Public Service on Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu

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Dear Joseph B Gildenhorn,

On behalf of the Defense Council of Western Armenia, I would like to express our deep disappointment of your decision to award Ahmet Davutoglu the Woodrow Wilson Award for Public Service. Woodrow Wilson was a man of principle and decency, and to allow an award that has his views attached to it given to a person that has repeatedly offended those views is outrageous. I am sure if you properly viewed Mr. Davutoglu's record of service, you'd note that he is not a man that personifies such an honor. Mr. Davutoglu has repeatedly threatened any nation including the United States for motioning to officially recognize the 1<sup>st</sup> Genocide of the 20<sup>th</sup> century of the Armenian people committed by the Turkish Government. Mr. Davutoglu's policies of government have also violated other human right issues, including the Kurdish conflict in Southern Turkey/Northern Iraq, the illegal occupation of Northern Cyprus, and the blockade of the Republic of Armenia.

Woodrow Wilson, our 28<sup>th</sup> President, advocated the right to self-determination of all nations, particularly the Republic of Armenia that had suffered Genocide and illegal blockades committed by the Republic of Turkey. President Wilson created a binding Arbitration on November 22, 1920 which is signed by him and the secretary of State, which awards the Republic of Armenia the four provinces of Erzurum, Trebizond, Van and Bitlis, which in all included 40,000 square miles that reached the Black Sea Coastline. In 1920 Armenia became a land-locked Soviet nation, with the four provinces awarded by Wilson's Arbitration Award still under Turkish control.

In conclusion, we strongly request that you deny Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu your Public Service Award, as the reasons above are enough evidence to deny such an honor. The WWC would lose its stature of its pristine principles by awarding such an honor to a man of this degree. We would also like you to look into your own organization to root out all those individuals that have contributed to the denouncement of the Armenian Genocide. The integrity of the WWC will always face severe scrutiny for allowing associates, employees, and board members that accept contributions to deny what has been historically documented, and thus goes against the foundation of President Wilson's view points.

Sincerely,

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