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Mr. Greg Sarkissian

Dear Mr. President:

We learned with great joy that the 2012 President’s Award was given to the Zoryan Institute for its significant contribution to of the Armenian Genocide. Thus, accept my sincere congratulations.

Since 1982, and today 31 years later, Zoryan Institute scientists, faculty members, and lecturers under your supervision have spared no effort to uncover, analyze and interpret the events surrounding the Armenian Genocide. The Zoryan Institute’s legacy in actively analyzing and publishing the history of the Armenian Genocide and in preparing young scholars in this field is undeniable. Your efforts in developing the Armenian-Turkish relationship in the scientific arena are commendable. We have testimonies to that from both the Armenian and Turkish students who have attended the Zoryan Institute’s annual “Genocide and Human Rights Studies University Program,” based at the University of Toronto.

We share your vision “in the strategic value of genocide research and scholarship as a means of helping to remove the obstacles to peace today.”

We hope that the Turkish students who participate in the Zoryan Institute’s training programs for young scholars bring their contribution to the realization of the vision.

Once again, I congratulate the Institute and wish you good luck in all your initiatives. We always stand by the Zoryan Institute.

Best Wishes,

HRANUSH HAKOBIAN, Minister of Diaspora

