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Turkish Green Crescent (Turkiye Yesilay Cemiyeti)



Candidate for:

Treasurer
Secretary

The Turkish Green Crescent would like to nominate itself for the roles of Secretary or Treasurer of VNGOC Board Committee with the belief of improving and strengthening VNGOC network with its capacity, accessibility, professionalism, and experiences.

Green Crescent has promised 97 years ago for the human dignity, respect for human, a healthy and peaceful life. The promise has been made for the hope and determination in the fight against addictions. Since 1920 Green Crescent has expanded over time such as alcohol, tobacco, drugs, technology, gambling and other behavioral addictions by engaging in preventive and rehabilitative public health, and also advocacy. So far with 120 offices in Turkey and branches in 39 countries, we have expanded our capacity through the needs of civil society in local and global. Last but not least, Green Crescent is an ECOSOC member with consultative status since 2013 and served as the regional representative of Eastern Europa and Central Asia during UNGASS 2016 process.

Green Crescent with its consultation and rehabilitation centers provides psychological treatment plans and social adaptation in addition to communication, PR and organization works which serves for the purpose of creation of awareness in the society. As a NGO Green Crescent, which does its best to draw attention to addiction and built new partnerships with other organizations both at national and international level, by not only focusing on awareness and rehabilitation for the community but also emphasizing on a healthy professional life with its work life improvement program.

Specifically, with its branded education and training programs on addiction awareness, basic life skills, and addiction intervention in school programs, Green Crescent gave trainings to 11 million students and 2 million adults in 2017, and plans to increase the number of students to 18 million in 2018 with its recent number of 650 formatters and 27.000 practitioners.

In company with all above mentioned capacity, programs and practices in real life, the Green Crescent would like to seek election for roles of Secretary or Treasurer in the Board Committee to upgrade its capabilities even more. Henceforth, the knowledge, policies and experiences of Green Crescent can be linked to NGO's and the key intergovernmental and international agencies involved in drug policy, strategy and control.

Green Crescent's wealth of expertise and experience can be traced back to its long history and its dynamic organizational structure changed over time. Its dynamism and enthusiasm for changes to do better can move to an upper level with its possible role in VNGOC. By seeking for elections, we are willing to upgrade our dynamism. As Green Crescent, we are not looking for just to be a regular member attending meeting, but to go further which can provide more opportunities and benefits to the all sides.

All in all, we believe that we can establish effective communication with current member organizations and possible future member organizations of VNGOC, which are in our network, for a more comprehensive policy implementation in the fight against addictions with respect to dignity.

We kindly request to the Nomination Committee to consider our application for the Board Elections of VNGOC.