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Geneva, 16 January 2013

Dear Mr. Sow, Mr. La Rue, Mr. Kiai, Ms. Sekaggya and Mr. Emmerson

With reference to your joint urgent appeal dated 4 July 2012 and my letter dated 22 October 2012, I have the pleasure to enclose herewith a note of additional information received from the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Turkey.

Please accept the assurances of my high consideration.

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Encl: As stated

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Information received from the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Turkey:

"Chief Public Prosecutor’s Office in Ankara initiated an investigation on Osman İşçi, Yunus Akil, Mehmet Siddik Akin, İzzettin Alpergin and Feruh Çelik on the grounds of allegedly being involved in the activities of KCK, which is the urban wing of the terrorist organization PKK.

On 27 June 2012, Chief Public Prosecutor’s Office in Ankara requested that the afore-mentioned persons be arrested in charges of being member to illegal, armed terrorist organization.

On 28 June 2012, the afore-mentioned persons were arrested following the decision of the 12th High Criminal Court of Ankara.

Investigation on the afore-said persons is currently under way and there exists a decision of limitation on this case."