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*Dear Chair Rapporteur and Special Rapporteurs,*

I have the honor to inform you that on 18 December 2013 the Permanent Mission of Italy forwarded to the Italian competent Authorities your letter, dated 17 December 2013, concerning the case of Bahar Kimyongür. Earlier, on 10 December 2013, this Mission had already informed the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs about the telephone call on the mentioned case between one of our human rights experts and the OHCHR's desk officer for Italy, Ms. Chian Yiw Lim.

To date, I am able to convey to you the preliminary information provided by the Italian Authorities:

1. Mr. Bahar Kimyongür, a dual citizen of Belgium and Turkey, was arrested on November 21, 2013, at the airport Orio al Serio (Bergamo), pursuant to an international arrest warrant issued by Interpol on request of Turkey for the crime of terrorist association.
2. By Note Verbale of 25 November, the Turkish Embassy in Rome requested confirmation of the arrest of Mr. Kimyongür MFA.
3. On November 26, the Ministry of Justice, following established practice, asked the Court of Appeal of Brescia to maintain the provisional measure applied to Mr. Kimyongür. On 28 November 2013, the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs informed the Embassy of Turkey in Rome about the arrest of Mr. Kimyongür, while the Interpol Division of the Ministry of Interior was asked to inform the foreign (Turkish) competent Authorities that the request for extradition should be received within 40 days from the arrest.

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Mr. Mads Andenas - Chair-Rapporteur of the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention  
Mr. Frank La Rue - Special Rapporteur on the Promotion and Protection of the Right to Freedom of Opinion and Expression  
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4. On 28 November, pursuant to the European Convention on Extradition (Article 16), the Embassy of Turkey in Rome demanded the extension up to 40 days of the status of provisional arrest of Mr. Kimyongür, in order to prepare documents relating to the extradition request.
5. On 4 December, the Ministry of Justice granted an extension of the deadline for the submission of the request for extradition. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs informed the Embassy of Turkey in Rome about such decision.

Assuring you of Italy's full cooperation on this issue, please accept the assurances of my highest consideration,

Amedeo Trambajolo  
Chargé d'Affaires

