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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Turkey to the United Nations Office at Geneva and other international organizations in Switzerland presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and with reference to the joint urgent appeal letter by Ms. Elina Steinerte, Chair of the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, Ms. Agnes Callamard, Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, Mr. David Kaye, Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression, Mr. Dainius Puras, Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, Mr. Philip Alston, Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights and Ms. Annalisa Ciampi, Special Rapporteur of freedom of peaceful assembly and association dated 1 June 2017 (Ref: UATUR 6/2017), has the honour to inform the Latter that, due to the continuation of the preparations of relevant authorities on the issues, the Government of the Republic of Turkey wishes to be accorded an extension of the deadline, to provide the responses to the information request stated in the aforementioned letter.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Turkey has further honour to indicate that a written confirmation from Special Procedures Branch would be highly appreciated.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Turkey avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 21 July 2017

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