

## PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY TO THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE IN GENEVA

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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, Mr. David Kaye, Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression, Ms. Annalisa Ciampi, Special Rapporteur of freedom of peaceful assembly and association, Mr. Michel Forst, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders and Mr. Diego Garcia-Sayan, Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers dated 4 July 2017 (Ref: UA TUR 7/2017), has the honour to inform the Latter that, due to the continuation of the preparations of relevant authorities on the issue, the Government of the Republic of Turkey wishes to be accorded an extension of deadline until Wednesday 5 October 2017, to provide the responses to the information request stated in the aforementioned letter.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Turkey has the honour to request a written confirmation from Special Procedures Branch concerning its reply to the extension request.

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, 14 August 201

Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights Special Procedures Branch Geneva

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