

## 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, Ms. Annalisa Ciampi, Special Rapporteur of freedom of peaceful assembly and association and Mr. Michel Forst, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders dated 12 July 2017 (Ref: UA TUR 9/2017), has the honour to inform the Latter that, due to the ongoing translation process of the response of the Turkish government from Turkish into English and to the upcoming religious holidays, the Government of the Republic of Turkey wishes to be accorded an extension of deadline until Tuesday 26 September 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.

Geneya, 21 August 2017

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