

## 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. Dainius Puras, Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, Mr. Michel Forst, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders, Mr. Diego Garcia-Sayan, Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers and Mr. Nils Melzer, Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, dated 23 June 2017 (Ref: UA TUR 8/2017), has the honour to enclose herewith the response of the Turkish Government.

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, 22 August 2017

Enc: As stated

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