

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) and to its Verbal Note dated 26 September 2017 (Reference no: 12872050), has the honour to enclose herewith an additional information note regarding recent developments on the issue.

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.

Encl: As stated

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



Additional (updated) Info on Taner Kılıç and others' criminal proceedings that takes place at İstanbul 35. Felony Criminal Court;

Suspected Taner Kılıç has been accused in accordance with Turkish Penal Code's articles 314/2, 53/1 and 58/9 via No. 3713 Counterterror Law's Articles 3, 5 and other suspects have also been accused in accordance with Turkish Penal Code's Articles 314/2, 53/1 and 63/1 via No. 3713 Counterterror Law's Articles 3, 5 and Turkish Penal Code's Articles 314/3 and 220/6 and indictment has been delivered by the Istanbul Chief Public Prosecution Office to the İstanbul 35.Felony Criminal Court. The case is still ongoing and registered under the case number 2017/100. In this vein, Istanbul 35. Felony Criminal Court has decided to release İdil Eser, Günal Kurşun, Ali Ghravi, Peter Frank Steudtner, İlknur Üstün, Nalan Erkem in its first hearing on 25 October 2017. The Court has also decided to release Veli Acu and Özlem Dalkıran on 25 October 2017 under the condition of judicial control. The Court has not released Mr.Taner Kılıç due the existence of another arrest warrant depending on another criminal accusation. The Court has adjourned the next hearing date to 22 November 2017.