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 communication letter by Philip Alston, Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights; Elina Steinerte, Vice-Chair of the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention; Koumbou Boly Barry, Special Rapporteur on the right to education; David Kaye, Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression; Fionnuala Ní Aoláin, Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism dated 20 February 2018 (Ref: OL TUR 2/2018), has the honour to inform the Latter that, due to the continuation of the preparations of relevant authorities on the subject, the Government of the Republic of Turkey wishes to be accorded an extension of deadline until 4 May 2018, 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 request a written confirmation from Special Procedures Branch regarding the above-mentioned request for extension.

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, 13 April 2018

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