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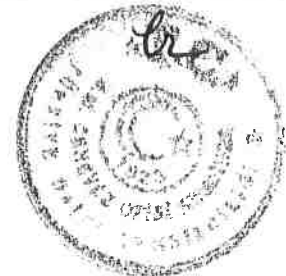
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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Turkey to the United Nations Office in Geneva and other international organizations in Switzerland presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and with reference to the joint urgent appeal from Special Procedures, dated 15 November 2019 (Ref: UA TUR 9/2019), has the honour to enclose herewith an information note, comprising the response of the Government of the Republic of Turkey.

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, 20 December 2019



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

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**INFORMATION NOTE IN REPLY TO THE JOINT URGENT APPEAL FROM SPECIAL
PROCEDURES REGARDING LISA SMITH DATED 15 NOVEMBER 2019**

(UA TUR 9/2019)

With reference to the Joint Urgent Appeal from Special Procedures Ref: UA TUR 9/2019 dated 15 November 2019, the following observations are brought to your kind attention.

The repatriation processes of Irish citizen Ms. Lisa Smith and her child to their home countries had been carried out in close coordination with the Irish authorities and completed on 30 November 2019.

During their stay and repatriation, utmost care had been taken to ensure safety and humane conditions. The acknowledgement of Turkey's efforts could also be found in that Irish authorities thanked Turkey for its constructive approach and the facilitation of repatriation process.

On the other hand, as it would be remembered, the Special Procedures made a press release, even without waiting for the end of the designated period of time to reply their questions, where they put forward groundless allegations as regards Turkey's handling of the issue. In this regard, we would also like to draw your attention to the response of the Spokesperson of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkey dated 23 November 2019 concerning the allegations raised in the said statement.