



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 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 communication from Special Procedures, dated 10 June 2020 (Ref: AL TUR 7/2020), 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, 17 September 2020



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

**INFORMATION NOTE IN REPLY TO THE JOINT COMMUNICATION
FROM SPECIAL PROCEDURES**

(AL TUR 7/2020)

With reference to the Joint Communication from Special Procedures Ref: AL TUR 7/2020 dated 10 June 2020, the following observations are brought to your attention.

We reject the unfounded and unfortunate allegations raised in the Joint Communication.

Turkey, extending its support to the internationally recognized Government of National Accord upon its request and pursuant to the UN Resolutions, has emphasized from the very beginning that there is no military solution to the conflict in Libya. In this context, Turkey spares no effort to ensure a lasting and sustainable ceasefire and to reinvigorate the political solution process under the auspices of the UN.

We have consistently supported and contributed to international efforts, whether in Rome, Skhirat, Paris, Moscow or Berlin, in order to revitalize a Libyan-led, Libyan-owned political process under UN auspices.

A viable and genuine political process can only be advanced, once a sustainable and lasting ceasefire is achieved in the country.

Despite the explicit provisions of the UNSC Resolution 2259, many actors have engaged with the parallel entities in Libya. This attitude has encouraged Haftar to continue his aggression against the legitimate government.

Within this context, the communication AL TUR7/2020 is based on some accusations whose accuracy, objectivity and source are questionable. The UN Human Rights Special Procedures is supposed to conduct its studies transparently and by considering the views of all parties instead of transmitting biased and misleading communications.

On the other hand, at this period when serious war crimes against innocent civilians, mainly the mass graves discovered in Tarhuna are high on the agenda, it would be more appropriate if the UN Human Rights Special Rapporteurs investigate primarily the crimes against humanity committed by militia and mercenaries loyal to Haftar rather than making speculative allegations.