



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 4 August 2020 (Ref: AL TUR 8/2020), has the honour to convey the following response of the Government of the Republic of Turkey.

Given the confidentiality decision (temporarily restricting access to the file) rendered by the relevant judicial authorities on the case and in the interest of ongoing criminal investigation, the following information could be provided at this stage:

Nine (9) individuals, four (4) out of whom are foreign nationals enjoying neither diplomatic nor consular immunity were arrested and put under pre-trial detention. The incidents that are the subject of the investigation are currently being examined in depth.

On the other hand, the Permanent Mission would like to kindly emphasize that the question number five (5) on page four (4) of the latter AL TUR 8/2020 is written in a way that is exceeding its purpose and not consistent with the diplomatic practices. The Permanent Mission also regrets the allegations contained in the said letter that the "Government of the Republic of Turkey did not carry out appropriate and official investigation on the murder case."

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, 2 October 2020

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