



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 15 March 2021 (AL TUR 5/2021), has the honour to enclose herewith the observations provided by 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, 11 May 2021

Encl: As stated.

Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
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INFORMATION NOTE IN REPLY TO THE JOINT COMMUNICATION BY THE SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON THE PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF THE RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF OPINION AND EXPRESSION; SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON EXTRAJUDICIAL, SUMMARY OR ARBITRARY EXECUTIONS; SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON THE SITUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS; SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON THE SITUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN; SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON MINORITY ISSUES; SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON FREEDOM OF RELIGION OR BELIEF

(Reference: AL TUR 5/2021)

1. With reference to the joint communication sent by the special rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression; the special rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions; the special rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders in the Islamic Republic of Iran; the special rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran; the special rapporteur on minority issues; the special rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief dated 15 March 2021 regarding the risk of deportation of Iranian citizens Mohammad Mosaed, Davoud Mehradjam and Masoud Akhtarani Tehrani, the Government of the Republic of Turkey would like to submit its observations herein below.
2. Information contained in the joint communication has been transmitted to the relevant Turkish authorities. Having conducted a thorough and diligent investigation, they have established that Mohammad Mosaed was caught by Turkish security forces on 18 January 2021 in the Van province while trying to illegally cross the Turkish-Iranian border. After medical treatment at the local hospital, he was transferred to Ankara. Currently he resides in Turkey. Legal procedures are under progress. Turkey strictly adheres to the principle of “non-refoulment”. Accordingly, he will not be deported to any country whereby his life would be at risk or he would face mistreatment.
3. On the other hand, it has been established that Davoud Mehradjam and Masoud Akhtarani Tehrani currently reside in Turkey. Legal procedures about their legal status are also in progress. Similarly, in accordance with the principle of “non-refoulment”, Turkey has no intention to deport them to any country wherein their lives would be at risk or they would face mistreatment.