



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 17 May 2021 (AL TUR 8/2021), 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, 14 July 2021

Encl: As stated.



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**INFORMATION NOTE IN REPLY TO THE JOINT COMMUNICATION  
BY THE SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON TORTURE AND OTHER  
CRUEL, INHUMAN OR DEGRADING TREATMENT OR  
PUNISHMENT; SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON THE SITUATION OF  
HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN**

**(Reference: AL TUR 8/2021)**

1. With reference to the joint communication sent by the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment; the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran, dated 17 May 2021, regarding the decision of deportation of Iranian citizen Afshin Sohrabzadeh, the Government of the Republic of Turkey would like to convey 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 Afshin Sohrabzadeh entered Turkey on 10 June 2016 and applied to the Office of the Van Governor for international protection on 20 September 2016. He was permitted to reside in Turkey, [REDACTED] as an “international protection applicant.” However, no final decision has been taken on the application yet.
3. Currently, he resides in [REDACTED], with a signature duty. Administrative procedures are in progress.