



PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF TÜRKİYE
TO THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE IN GENEVA

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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Türkiye 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 Communication from Special Procedures dated 18 January 2024 (AL TUR 1/2024), has the honour to enclose herewith the information note provided by relevant Turkish authorities.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Türkiye avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 18 March 2024



Encl: As stated.

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**INFORMATION NOTE IN REPLY TO THE LETTER FROM MS. IRENE KHAN,
SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON THE PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF THE
RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF OPINION AND EXPRESSION
DATED 18 JANUARY 2024**

With reference to the letter of Ms. Irene Khan, Special Rapporteur on the Promotion and Protection of the Right to Freedom of Opinion and Expression dated 18 January 2024 regarding the allegations of “judicial harassment, intimidation and censorship of journalist Mr. Ali Kışmir”, the Government of the Republic of Türkiye would like to submit the following information.

The Republic of Türkiye has a sovereign right to deny or allow the entry of foreigners into its territory. The procedures concerning Ali Kışmir, a citizen of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, are in compliance with the international law and the national legislation. It is clear that Mr. Kışmir did not raise his complaints before Turkish domestic courts, as per applicable legislation.

Being aware of its international obligations, the Republic of Türkiye fulfills all its responsibilities to protect fundamental rights and freedoms by taking the measures required by law and democratic principles. Freedom of press and freedom of expression are under constitutional guarantee in Türkiye and there are legal remedies available in the case of an alleged violation of these rights.