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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 28 December 2023 (AL TUR 11/2023), 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, 12 July 2024



Encl: As stated.

**Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
Palais Wilson
1201 Geneva**

**INFORMATION NOTE IN REPLY TO THE JOINT COMMUNICATION FROM
SPECIAL PROCEDURES DATED 28 DECEMBER 2023**

(AL TUR 11/2023)

1. With reference to the joint communication of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders and the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression dated 28 December 2023, the Government of the Republic of Türkiye (hereinafter, “the Government”) would like to submit its responses and observations hereinbelow.
2. Upon examination of the official records by the relevant national authorities, it has been determined that Ms. Tadzhiqul Begmedova, referred to in the joint communication, was banned from entering Türkiye, within the scope of Article 9 of the Law on Foreigners and International Protection No. 6458, the text of which is provided below:

“ARTICLE 9 - Entry ban to Türkiye

(1) The Directorate General may prohibit the entry of foreigners whose entry into Türkiye is deemed inappropriate in terms of public order, public security or public health, upon seeking the views of relevant public institutions and organizations when necessary.

(2) The entry into Türkiye of foreigners deported from Türkiye shall be prohibited by the Directorate General or governorates.

(3) The duration of the ban on entry into Türkiye shall be maximum five years. However, in case of a serious threat to public order or public security, this period may be increased by the Directorate General for a maximum of ten years.

(4) Foreigners whose visa or residence permit expired and who applied to the governorates to leave Türkiye before this situation was determined by the competent authorities and regarding whom a deportation decision was taken, may not be banned from entering Türkiye, provided that they have paid the administrative fines and they do not exceed the violation periods determined by the Ministry [of Interior].

(5) Among those who are invited to leave Türkiye pursuant to Article 56, an entry ban decision may not be taken for those who leave Türkiye within the stipulated period.

(6) The Directorate General may lift the entry ban or allow the foreigner to enter Türkiye for a certain period of time, provided that the entry ban remains in force.

(7) The admission of foreigners to the country may be subjected to prior authorization by the Directorate General for reasons of public order, public security or public health, and by the governorates for reasons of administrative fines and public receivables.

(8) The procedures and principles regarding the implementation of this article shall be determined by the Minister [of Interior].”

3. The matter is being duly assessed by the relevant Turkish authorities, taking into consideration Türkiye’s international obligations and national legislation.
4. The Government would like to take this opportunity to reiterate its readiness to work in cooperation with the Special Procedures.