



PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF TÜRKİYE
TO THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE AT 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 Joint Communication from Special Procedures dated 3 October 2025 (Ref: AL TUR 11/2025), 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, 1 December 2025



Encl: As stated.

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**INFORMATION NOTE IN REPLY TO THE JOINT COMMUNICATION FROM
THE SPECIAL PROCEDURES**

(Reference: AL TUR 11/2025)

1. With reference to the joint letter of the Special Rapporteur on minority issues; the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention; the Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights; the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, dated 3 October 2025, the Government of the Republic of Türkiye (hereinafter, “the Government”) would like to submit its observations herein below.

2. First of all, the Government would like to remind that under the Turkish constitutional system, the term “minorities” encompasses only groups of persons defined and recognized as such under the multilateral or bilateral agreements to which Türkiye is party. In this context, according to the Lausanne Peace Treaty of 1923, only Turkish citizens belonging to non-Muslim communities fall within the scope of the term “minority”. All Turkish citizens, whether or not they are recognized as minority, enjoy the same fundamental rights and freedoms in accordance with the principle of “equality before the law” enshrined in the Constitution.

The Government, therefore, kindly requests from the Special Procedures to take this legal fact into account in considering the present communication as well as the forthcoming communications regarding the Republic of Türkiye.

3. As regards the incident that took place on 13 July 2025 in Bayrampaşa District of Istanbul Province:

An investigation has been launched by the Istanbul Public Prosecutor’s Office into the incident. Eleven individuals are currently under the said investigation. In addition, another investigation is being conducted regarding the public officers allegedly involved in the incident. Furthermore, the Ministry of Interior has also appointed a Chief Inspector to investigate the incident.

4. As regards the incident that took place on 10 August 2025 in Camlıyayla District of Mersin Province:

Tarsus Public Prosecutor’s Office has launched an investigation into the incident. As part of the said investigation, the medical reports of several plaintiffs and suspects were obtained, the statements of the parties involved were taken and identifications were carried out through photographs.

5. The subject matters of the present communication are currently dealt with under the ongoing legal proceedings before independent and impartial judicial authorities. These proceedings are conducted in line with the legal framework and the international human rights obligations of the Government. The Government is of the opinion that due respect must be given to the ongoing judicial proceedings and that any interference to these proceedings should be avoided pursuant to the principle of the rule of law.