



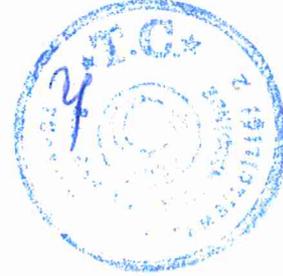
PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF TÜRKİYE
TO THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE AT GENEVA

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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 November 2025 (Ref: AL TUR 12/2025), 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, 31 December 2025



Encl: As stated.

**Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
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Rue des Pâquis 52
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**INFORMATION NOTE IN REPLY TO THE COMMUNICATION FROM THE
SPECIAL PROCEDURES**

(Reference: AL TUR 12/2025)

1. With reference to the joint letter of the Chair-Rapporteur of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances; the Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association; the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders; the Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence; the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions and the Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls, its causes and consequences, dated 3 November 2025, the Government of the Republic of Türkiye (hereinafter, “the Government”) would like to submit its observations herein below.

2. Social media accounts that post content inciting hatred, animosity and hostility among the public; endangering individuals’ lives; containing hate speech, threats, insults, harassment, or disinformation are reviewed by the Department for Combating Cyber Crimes affiliated with the General Directorate of Security, upon notification or following a formal complaint. Individuals responsible for sharing such content are identified and referred to the relevant authorities.

To prevent the further dissemination of such content on social media platforms and to deter individuals from engaging in criminal activity, requests for access blocking or content removal are submitted through the Information Technologies and Communication Authority and the Magistrate’s Courts, in accordance with Law No. 5651 on the Regulation of Publications on the Internet and Combating Crimes Committed by Means of Such Publications.

3. According to Article 34 of the Constitution of the Republic of Türkiye (hereinafter, “the Constitution”), everyone has the right to hold unarmed and peaceful meetings and demonstrations without prior permission. The right to hold meetings and demonstrations might be restricted only by law, on the grounds of national security, public order, crime prevention, protection of public health, public morals or the rights and freedoms of others as per Article 34 § 2 of the Constitution and Article 17 of Law No. 2911 on Meetings and Demonstrations, and as well as Article 21 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. The formalities,

conditions, and procedures to be applied in the exercise of the right to hold meetings and demonstrations in Türkiye are set forth by Law No. 2911.

In Türkiye, 94,752 demonstrations were held in 2024 with the participation of 35,690,364 people. Of the 952 demonstrations deemed unlawful by the national authorities under Law No. 2911, only 342 were intervened in by law enforcement officers. Additionally, in 2025 (as of July 4, 2025), 44,481 demonstrations were held across Türkiye with the participation of 15,951,287 people. Of these, 434 were deemed unlawful under Law No. 2911, and only 201 were intervened in.

As indicated by the data above, in the last two years, more than 99% of meetings and demonstrations were freely held in Türkiye in a peaceful environment. Furthermore, the relevant data reveal that the national authorities have not, in any way, imposed a blanket ban on the right of peaceful assembly throughout the country and that individuals freely exercise this right.