



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 Communications from Special Procedures dated 10 June 2025 (Ref: OL TUR 5/2025) and 7 November 2025 (OL TUR 13/2025), 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, 7 January 2026



Encl: As stated.

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INFORMATION NOTE IN REPLY TO THE COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SPECIAL PROCEDURES

(Reference: OL TUR 5/2025, OL TUR 13/2025)

1. With reference to the joint communications by the Special Procedures dated 10 June 2025 and 7 November 2025, the Government would like to submit its observations hereinbelow.
2. In the Turkish legal system, legislative power is vested in the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye, on behalf of the Turkish Nation. The duties and powers of the Grand National Assembly include the enactment, amendment, and repeal of laws in accordance with Article 87 of the Constitution of the Republic of Türkiye (hereinafter “the Constitution”). Within Türkiye’s vibrant and pluralistic democratic system, and pursuant to the authority conferred by the Constitution, the deputies (any member of parliament or political group) are empowered to propose draft bills as enshrined in Article 87 of the Constitution.
3. Within this framework, on 17 April 2025, a political party introduced a law proposal to the Presidency of the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye, which proposes amendments to the Turkish Penal Code, the Law on the Institution and Broadcast Services of Radio and Television and the Code of Criminal Procedure.
4. The proposal is this political party’s parliamentary initiative and does not represent the official policy, or legislative agenda of the Government.
5. Furthermore, the adoption of the proposal is subject to the collective will of the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye.
6. The Government wishes to stress that all Turkish citizens enjoy the same fundamental rights and freedoms in accordance with the principle of “equality before the law” enshrined in Article 10 of the Constitution. Türkiye has an extensive legal framework, including the Turkish Criminal Code, the Civil Servants Law, the Law on Political Parties, the Labour Code, and the Basic Law of National Education, all of which prohibit discrimination and promote equal treatment. Moreover, acts of hatred and discrimination are regulated as offences under Article 122 of the Turkish Criminal Code.

7. Through these communications, the Government would like once again to reaffirm that Türkiye is committed to promoting and protecting the principles of equality, and non-discrimination, as well as to protecting the fundamental rights and freedoms, and remains fully committed to combating all forms of discrimination.