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TÜRKİYE DAIMİ TEMSİLCİLİĞİ

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The Permanent Mission of Turkey to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Sixth Committee and with reference to the Note No. LA/COD/11/1 dated 6 January 2020, and concerning General Assembly's resolution 74/194 (Measures to eliminate international terrorism), has the honour to submit the attached information sheet.

The Permanent Mission of Turkey to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the Sixth Committee the assurances of its highest consideration.

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Enclosure: As stated.

**Secretariat of the Sixth Committee
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Note on Turkey's Efforts to Counter Terrorism

- Turkey has been at the forefront in fight against the DAESH terrorist organisation since the organization's emergence. Due to her broad experience in countering terrorism, Turkey has achieved outstanding results in the fight against DAESH.
- Turkey's struggle with the organisation might be summed up as preventive activities, operations carried out domestically, cross-border operations, and contributions to international countering terrorism cooperation. As a result of this approach, significant achievements have been obtained and the operational network of the organisation has been seriously impaired.
- Turkey carried out 187 operations in 2015, 367 operations in 2016, more than 500 operations in 2017, 1,327 operations in 2018 and 1,498 operations in 2019 against DAESH. 388 DAESH members have been neutralized; 3,382 individuals were taken into custody and 1,035 persons have been arrested.
- Procedures of travel ban and extradition are being followed in coordination within relevant authorities so as to prevent and interdict travel of suspected persons.
- Turkey effectively pursues prevention of travelling of foreign terrorist fighters (FTFs) in line with the UN Security Council resolution 2178. Risk Analysis Units were established in major bus stations, land border check-points as well as sea ports and airports.
- To date, 34,000 foreigners have been checked by the Risk Analysis Units; about 20,200 interviews have been made and more than 9,500 suspects were denied entry to Turkey.
- Individuals suspected of terrorism are subjected to judicial procedures provided that there is sufficient evidence. In case of lack evidence, the individuals who are deemed a threat to national security are being deported. So far, approximately 8,000 (7,976) foreigners have been deported. Since 2011, more than 98,000 (98,007) individuals have been banned from entering Turkey.
- Information requests by the Embassies in Turkey as regards the travel of FTFs, their deportation procedures and the arrested/convicted FTFs are being evaluated by the responsible authorities.
- Turkey supports and leads endeavours of countering terrorism and FTFs on international platforms. Turkey plays an active role in different initiatives within the Global Counter Terrorism Forum. The annual meeting of FTF Working Group of the International Coalition against DAESH was held in Turkey on 7 May 2019. A technical follow-up meeting of the Working Group was hosted and organized by Turkey on 19 December 2019. Furthermore, Turkey actively contributes efforts in international platforms to prevent financing of DAESH and takes administrative and legal measures accordingly.
- Informative and Preventive Activities are being carried out by the Turkish National Police so as to prevent terrorist recruitment, raise social awareness on terrorism and to maintain the support of the society in the fight against terrorism.

Informative Activities

It is aimed to raise the awareness against terrorist propaganda through informative activities involving educational institutions and all segments of society

Social Activities

This program involves activities planned in line with the social and cultural needs of individuals and include excursions, sports and cultural activities. The programme aims to prevent the exploitation of the social needs of the target groups by terrorist organisations.

Activities Conducted with Families

Interviews are carried out in particular with the families of youngsters who are targeted by terrorist organisations and informative studies are undertaken so as to enhance the awareness of families as regards the protection of their children from potential terrorist influences. Activities conducted with families include interviews carried out with individuals and their families during the period of investigation, membership to the organisation and the penitentiary stage.

- Turkey's efforts to counter PKK terrorist organization and its extensions in neighboring countries continue unabated.
- Turkish security forces are taking the necessary measures as regards drug smuggling, human trafficking and organised crime that are conducive to financing terrorism.
- In 2019 an area of 4,220 square kilometres has been cleared from terrorists through Operation Peace Spring initiated on 9 October 2019 against PKK-PYD/YPG terror organisation elements in north-eastern Syria.
- Turkey is also contributing to international counter-terrorism efforts through capacity building activities, organising training programmes and providing technical assistance.

The Security Cooperation Agreements signed in 2019

Turkey-Burundi Security Cooperation Agreement: 25.07.2019, Ankara

Turkey-Cambodia Security Cooperation Agreement: 30.07.2019, Ankara

Turkey-Serbia Security Cooperation Agreement: 07.10.2019, Belgrade