

Vienna, 28 September 2021

Your Excellency, Dear Mr. Ambassador, Cher Andrew

Turkey attaches utmost importance to the international cooperation in the context of combatting and preventing corruption. We believe that the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC) and the Conference of States Parties (CoSP) are valuable instruments to address this multidimensional and multinational problem. They indicate the determination of the international community to prevent and eradicate the corrupt acts.

On the other hand, I would like to register our objection to the participation of eight non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in the 9th Conference of States Parties, which will be held between 13-17 December 2021, in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt.

- Integrity Initiatives International
- Central Asian Research Institute on Corruption and Money Laundering
- Alliance on Civic Initiatives Promotion
- Transparency International Georgia
- Expert Forum (EFOR)
- Access Info Europe
- The Good Lobby Italia
- Eurothink-Center for European Strategies

We consider that some of the actions and also the executive officers of these NGOs are supportive of terrorism, namely the "Fetullah Gülen Terrorist Organization (FETÖ)".

H.E. Ambassador Ghislain Jean D'HOOP

WEOG Chairman, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Belgium to the International Organizations in Vienna

Cc:

- H.E. Ambassador Hamad Alkaabi, Permanent Representative of United Arab Emirates to United Nations, President of the Conference
- H.E. Ambassador Mohamed Hamdy El Molla, Permanent Representative of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the International Organizations in Vienna, incoming President of the Conference
- Mr. John Brandolino, Director of the Division for Treaty Affairs of the UNODC

Your Excellency, I take this opportunity to renew the assurances of my highest consideration.

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