



United Nations
Office of the UN Resident Coordinator

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To Whom It May Concern,

Subject: UNCT Submission to the UPR Second Cycle-Turkey Review

Attached please find the United Nations Country Team-Turkey (UNCT) submission to the UPR for the 21st session of the UPR Working Group where Turkey will be reviewed.

The first Universal Periodic Review of Turkey was held in May 2010. 167 separate recommendations were made, of which 121 were accepted and 43 rejected, 2 received a general response and 1 received no response. During the review, Turkey expressed the delegation's commitment to follow up on all questions and recommendations with great care. While Turkey has been making efforts to implement the recommendations it accepted, no mid-term report was submitted by it.

The purpose of this report is to highlight issues of concern regarding Turkey's compliance with its human rights obligations since the first UPR from the perspective and mandates of the UN Country Team in Turkey, especially members of UNCT Theme Group on Human Rights, namely UNICEF, UNFPA, UNHCR, IOM, ILO, WHO, UNIC, UNDP and OHCHR. The report covers an assessment of the issues which have been identified as key current human rights challenges, illustrated with important examples of progress and backsliding as well as events. It concludes with specific recommendations to the Turkish government.

The UNCT in Turkey considers the UPR mechanism extremely important for the promotion and protection of human rights in the country. Thus, we stand ready to provide full support to governmental and civil society efforts to follow up the recommendations both from the first and second cycle.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need further information.

Yours Sincerely,

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