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Mr President,

Egypt is concerned about severe deterioration in human rights situation in Turkey:

- Turkey, the main sponsor of the UN peaceful protests and assembly initiatives; witnessed the killing, injury and detention of peaceful protestors in Gezzi Park and several other occasions including Kurdish Anti-ISIS protests. Impunity still surrounds the systematic unlawful lethal use of force by the Turkish security.
- In the country that leads debate in HRC on Freedom of Expression on internet; the authorities had ordered shutting down of YouTube and Twitter, and "Social Media" was described by the Turkish leadership as "biggest trouble for the society".
- For two consecutive years, Turkey topped the world record in jailing journalists, including editors-in-chief of opposition newspapers. Moreover, the independence of the judiciary received significant blows and many concerns were raised regarding impending constitutional amendments that might compromise democracy in Turkey.
- We have concerns that some actions by the Turkish Government beyond its borders contribute to violations and abuses of human rights, and thus recommend that Turkey refrains from undertaking such actions including through immediate termination of any relevant form of political, military, logistical or financial support in this regard.

Moreover, Egypt recommends Turkey to:

- 1- Ensure that senior State officials refrain from public statements degrading to women and inconsistent with the Turkish constitution and Islamic values.
 - 2- Release all journalists, activists, minority leaders detained solely for criticizing the Government and the ruling party in Turkey.
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