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Ministry of Interior - ~~deputy~~ **SPEECH NOTE**

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RIOT CONTROL AND USE OF FORCE BY LAW ENFORCEMENT UNITS

The authority for the "use of force" by police is enshrined within the framework of the Law on Tasks and Competences of Police Forces, Law on Assembly and Demonstration Marches and Regulation on Riot Police. With the aim of preventing the riot police, who perform the riot control, from using non-proportional force during the course of using force and controlling the individual mistakes, devices for intra-helmet combat were procured and the helmets were enumerated. By virtue of this, the detection of the violating security officer has become easier, which unveils a dissuasive situation for any violation attempts.

Furthermore, "Directive for Procedures and Principles on Actions of Police Forces commissioned to the riot control for Assemblies and Demonstration Marches" and "Circular on Tear Gas Weapons and Ammunition" were issued.

The circular "Staff of Riot Police" drawn by the Ministry of Interior was issued on June 26th 2013 and the circular on "Course of Action at Social Events" on July 22nd 2013.

As of 2010, 236.826 personnel in total have been trained on "Use of Force by Police, Riot Control and Negotiation" up to now. 108.208 of the staff were provided with training and seminars on "Human Rights" between 2010-2014.

Moreover, the project, which aims to raise the civil supervision over domestic law enforcement body and conducted within the United Nations Development Program for 3 years, is expected to be finished by March 2015. the project is followed by General Directorate Of Provincial Administration Of Ministry Of Interior.

FIGHT AGAINST TORTURE

Within the framework of the "zero tolerance policy for torture, Turkey has made all legal amendments for preventing the torture and investigating the claims hereof and established inspection and judiciary mechanism. TGNA puts the Draft Law on Establishment of an Independent Commission on Law Enforcement Inspection that shall be responsible for investigating the claims regarding the law enforcement units into on the agenda.

In order to prevent and highlight the claims over torture and maltreatment at police stations, all relevant departments, incl. detention rooms, are being monitored by cameras and the records are being kept for 30 days.

Within the framework of the Fourth Judicial Reform Package, entered into force in April 2014, Article 94 of Turkish Penal Code, titled "Torture" was amended; thereby ratifying that no prescription for torture crimes shall be applied. This amendment targets the prevention of prescription for torture crimes and executing more efficient investigations.

The number of judicial and disciplinary decisions on "Overstepping the Use of Force" and "Torture Crimes" has recently decreased as a result of the measures taken and devotion.