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Letter dated 18 December 2019 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I am writing to you with reference to the Syrian regime representative's letters and remarks delivered at the General Assembly and Security Council meetings, a list of which is attached herewith (see annex). Turkey categorically rejects the fictitious and baseless allegations contained in those letters and remarks. These futile efforts aim to divert the international community's attention from the regime's continued crimes and its refusal to engage constructively in the political process. Recent increase in attacks on civilians in the Idlib de-escalation area in violation of the Sochi memorandum and stalling tactics displayed in Geneva reveal the Syrian regime's real intentions. However, the regime cannot make the international community turn a blind eye to its atrocities, which amount to war crimes and crimes against humanity.

Turkey is fully committed to the territorial integrity, sovereignty and unity of Syria and all her actions are in adherence to these principles. Turkey, like any other member of the United Nations, is entitled to exercise her inherent right of self-defence emanating from the Charter, in response to threats to her national security.

The Syrian regime and its representatives lost their legitimacy long ago. The regime remains the very root cause of all the problems emanating from the Syrian conflict and will be held accountable for its crimes.

I would be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Feridun H. Sinirlioğlu
Permanent Representative



Annex to the letter dated 18 December 2019 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

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2 August 2019, Security Council open debate on children and armed conflict
7 August 2019, Security Council briefing on the situation in the Middle East
20 August 2019, Security Council debate on the maintenance of international peace and security: challenges to peace and security in the Middle East
29 August 2019, Security Council meeting on the humanitarian/political situation in Syria
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22 November 2019, Security Council meeting on the political situation in Syria

Remarks at the General Assembly

28 September 2019, General Assembly general debate