**COMMENTS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF TÜRKİYE IN RESPONSE TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE SENT BY THE OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN RELATION TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 68/268**

With reference to the Questionnaire sent by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights on 26 January 2024 regarding the General Assembly (GA) Resolution 68/268, the Government would like to submit its comments hereinbelow.

**a) Comments by the States on the implementation of General Assembly Resolution 68/268, including those provisions addressed to States**

The Government of Türkiye fully cooperates with the human rights treaty bodies and submits its periodic reports in order to demonstrate the progress made on the implementation of the treaties to which it is a party. It furthermore takes the necessary steps to address the recommendations pointed out by the treaty bodies in their concluding observations.

Accordingly, most recently, the interactive dialogue meeting regarding the fourth and fifth periodic reports of Türkiye with the Committee on the Rights of the Child was held during the Committee’s 93rd Session on 17-18 May 2023.

The latest visit of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (SPT) to Türkiye was carried out between 4-15 September 2022.

The interactive dialogue regarding the eighth periodic report of Türkiye which was submitted under Article 18 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) in 2020 took place during the 82nd Session of the CEDAW Committee on 14-15 June 2022.

The Government of Türkiye also supports the simplified reporting procedure as it enables a more streamlined process while preparing the periodic reports.

**b) Comments by States on the state of human rights treaty body system, the effectiveness of the measures taken in order to ensure their sustainability, and, on any further action to strengthen and enhance the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system**

Türkiye gives utmost importance to the independence and impartiality of the human rights treaty bodies. It believes that members of the treaty bodies should act in an impartial manner in their consideration of the periodic reports submitted by State Parties and individual applications submitted to these bodies, and should refrain from politicizing issues related to human rights.

In that regard, it supports the recommendation made in paragraph 9 of the GA Resolution 68/268 to the human rights treaty bodies, towards achieving greater efficiency, transparency, effectiveness and harmonization through their working methods.

Türkiye also supports the efforts to increase coordination and predictability in the reporting process with the aim of achieving a clear and regularized schedule for reporting by States Parties (paragraph 34 of GA resolution 68/268).

It is believed that cooperating with States Parties and taking into consideration to the extent possible States’ overall reporting obligations to all treaty bodies and other relevant calendar of work while scheduling the reporting and review process will help increase the efficiency and effectiveness of these processes.

In this regard, Türkiye considers that it is particularly important to avoid unnecessary duplication and overlapping among the various treaty bodies’ work, reviews and activities especially with respect to issues/questions included in periodic reports that may negatively impact the overall workload for the State concerned.