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Dear Mr. Van Steenbrugge,

I have the honour to inform you that your communication dated 12 May 2017 (initial submission), submitted to the Human Rights Committee for consideration under the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, on behalf of Mr. Ismet Özcelik, Mr. Turgay Karaman and Mr. Ihsan Arslan, has been registered as communication No. 2980/2017. You are kindly asked to refer to the registration number in any future correspondence.

Pursuant to rule 97 of the Committee's rules of procedure, a copy of the communication has been transmitted to the State party today, with the request that any information or observations in respect of both the question of admissibility and the merits of your communication should reach the Committee within six months.

Under rule 92 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the State party has also been requested, while their case is under consideration by the Committee:

- to take all the necessary measures to confirm the authors' whereabouts and to put them immediately under the protection of the law,
- to officially inform the Committee, and the family, and representatives of the authors as to their whereabouts,
- to take all measures necessary to enable the authors to be in contact with their relatives,
- to promptly bring the authors before a judge, giving them access to a lawyer of their choice.

This request does not imply that any decision has been reached on the substance of the matter under consideration.

You are also kindly requested to submit a power of attorney from the relatives of Mr. Turgay Karaman and Mr. Ihsan Arslan, authorizing you to bring the complaint on behalf of the authors in question before the Committee.

Any reply received from the State party will be communicated to you in due course to enable you to comment thereon.

Please be aware that final decisions adopted by the Human Rights Committee are made public. Therefore, if the authors/alleged victims wish their identities not to be disclosed in the final decision, you are kindly requested to so indicate as soon as possible. Kindly note that, due to the level of publicity the Committee's decisions usually receive (including dissemination via Internet, which thus makes the correction and/or deletion of data circulating online virtually impossible), it may not be possible to satisfy requests for anonymity submitted after the publication of the Committee's decision. The Committee shall not be responsible to the authors/alleged victims in any manner for any inconvenience, arising out of their failure to notify the Committee in a timely manner about their decision not to have their name disclosed to the public at large.

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For information, I enclose a copy of the Committee's rules of procedure.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ibrahim Salama'.

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