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Letter dated 8 July 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

With regard to the allegations made in the letter of 16 June 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq ([S/2020/553](#)), I would like to emphasize that, in the absence of Iraq's ability to deal with the presence of terrorists in its own territory, Turkey is obliged to take appropriate measures against terrorist threats to Turkey's security emanating from Iraq.

Any criticism towards Turkey for exercising its inherent right of self-defence, as outlined in Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations, and acting within the context of the responsibility attributed by relevant Security Council resolutions to States Members of the United Nations in the fight against terrorism is unacceptable.

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

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