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Letter dated 30 September 2020 from the Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I am writing in response to the letter dated 2 September 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2020/884), which is simply yet another shameless attempt on the part of Turkey to draw the attention of the Security Council and the international community away from its dangerous and destabilizing actions in the region.

The Permanent Representative of Turkey is once again seeking to spread the same baseless accusations and lies concerning my country that were refuted completely in the letters dated 11 August and 26 August 2020 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2020/794 and S/2020/842). In those letters, the United Arab Emirates sets out the well-known track record of Turkey, including its open and repeated failure to comply with Security Council resolutions concerning Libya, its violations of international law and the sovereignty of the Arab State of Syria, and its role in facilitating the recruitment of fighters for Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant. Moreover, Turkey has proven that it is not a credible or constructive interlocutor that is striving to assist the Security Council. We therefore call upon the Council to disregard completely the accusations contained in the letter of the Permanent Representative of Turkey, as they have no basis in fact.

The United Arab Emirates calls upon Turkey to halt its illegal actions in the region and abandon its hostile and imperialistic foreign policy, which is based on a perverted and extremist interpretation of Islam. Pursuing that policy has caused Turkey to become alienated from Arab and European States that are committed to peace, pluralism and tolerance.

The United Arab Emirates reaffirms that it will not dignify the libellous claims made by Turkey with any further response.

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

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