



## Security Council

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### Letter dated 26 January 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

With reference to the allegations contained in the letter dated 13 January 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq (S/2021/57), I would like to emphasize that in the absence of Iraq's ability to deal with the presence of terrorist organizations in its own territory, Turkey is obliged to take appropriate measures against terrorist threats to its security emanating from Iraq.

Any criticism of Turkey for exercising its inherent right to self-defence, as outlined in Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations, and for 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.

(Signed) Feridun H. **Sinirlioğlu**  
Permanent Representative

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