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Letter dated 16 December 2024 from the Permanent Representative of Türkiye to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

With reference to the allegations contained in the letter from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations dated 12 December 2024 (S/2024/910), I would like to emphasize that, because of the vacuum of authority that is exploited by terrorist organizations, Türkiye is obliged and entitled to take appropriate measures against terrorist threats to its security emanating from Iraq.

Any criticism towards Türkiye for exercising its inherent right of self-defence, as outlined in Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations, and acting in the context of responsibility attributed in 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) Ahmet Yıldız
Permanent Representative

