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The Permanent Mission of Turkey to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations in his capacity as Depositary of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations (1961) and the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations (1963) and has the honour to bring to the attention of the Letter the

following violations by the Kingdom of the Netherlands of the said Conventions:

**I.** On 11 March 2017, at 7 pm local time, H.E. Ms. Fatma Betül Sayan Kaya, Minister of Family and Social Policies of the Republic of Turkey was barred by the Dutch law enforcement authorities from accessing the Consulate General of the Republic of Turkey in Rotterdam where the Minister was scheduled to meet Turkish citizens in the Netherlands as well as with the Consul General. The passports of the Minister and of the other members of the delegation were confiscated by the Dutch police.

On the same day, the Dutch police, resorting to disproportionate use of

III. The Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Embassy of Turkey in the Hague, the Consul General of Turkey in Deventer and two administrative and technical officers have been

police.

Despite the intervention of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey, the Chargé d'affaires has been detained in an individual cell for approximately one hour, the Consul General in Deventer for forty minutes and the administrative and technical officers for two hours, during which all their belongings were confiscated. These detentions in individual