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Letter dated 2 September 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

With reference to the allegations made by the Permanent Representative of Iraq at the Security Council meeting held on 26 August 2020 on the situation concerning Iraq, I would like to emphasize once again 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 its 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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