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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Turkey to the United Nations, through its Office of Legal Affairs of the Permanent Mission of Turkey to the United Nations, and with reference to the latter's Note no: LA/COD/59/1 dated 13 December 2017, in relation to the General Assembly resolution 72/120 of 7 December 2017, entitled "The scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction on Turkey's national legislation:

Universal jurisdiction, in criminal matters, is regulated in Article 10 of the Turkish Penal Code. According to the Article, Turkish law will apply for crimes which are committed abroad by a Turkish citizen or a foreign national:

- Crimes, of which the prosecution depends on the request by the State of Justice: genocide, crimes against humanity, migrant smuggling, torture, crimes against relations with foreign states, intentional pollution, production and trade of narcotics or psychotropic substances, facilitation of the use of narcotics or psychotropic substances; counterfeiting of money, manufacturing and trade of instruments used in the production of money, valuable seals; counterfeiting of seals; prostitution; seizing control of air, sea or rail transport vehicles and offences relating to the damaging of such vehicles;
- Crimes, of which prosecution can be done *proprio motu*: crimes against the sovereignty insignia of the State and against the respectability of its organs; crimes against the security of the State, crimes against the constitutional order and the functioning of the State; crimes against national defence;

On the other hand, according to Articles 11 (crimes committed by nationals) and 12 (crimes committed by foreigners) of the Turkish Penal Code, crimes committed abroad and punishable by at least one year imprisonment will be prosecuted and punished.

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