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HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE  
PROCEDURE OF INDIVIDUAL COMMUNICATIONS UNDER THE OPTIONAL  
PROTOCOL

REFERENCE: [REDACTED]

9 January 2020

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

I have the honour to inform you that your communication dated 7 January 2020, which you submitted to the Human Rights Committee for consideration under the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights on behalf of Mr. Selami Simsek has been registered as communication No. [REDACTED]. You are kindly asked to refer to this registration number in any future correspondence. You are also invited to direct any future correspondence to the Petitions and Inquiries Section of the Human Rights Treaty Bodies Branch of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, [petitions@ohchr.org](mailto:petitions@ohchr.org).

**Interim Measures**

Under rule 94 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the State party has been requested to refrain from removing Mr. Selami Simsek to Turkey, while his case is under consideration by the Committee. The State party has also been requested to take all measures necessary to enable Mr. Simsek to be in contact with his counsel and family members and to receive, register and forward his application for asylum to the competent authorities for assessment. This request does not imply that any decision has been reached on the substance of the matter under consideration.

**Registration of the case**

In correspondence with rule 92 of the Committee's rules of procedure, a copy of the communication has been transmitted to the State party today, with the request that any information or observations in respect of both the question of admissibility and the merits of your communication should reach the Committee within six months. Any reply from the State party will be communicated to you in due course to enable you to comment thereon, if you so wish.

**Confidentiality**

Please be aware that final decisions adopted by the Human Rights Committee are made public. Therefore, if you wish for the identity of the author to not be disclosed in the final decision, you are kindly requested to so indicate as soon as possible. Kindly note that, due to the level of publicity the Committee's decisions usually receive (including dissemination via Internet, which thus makes the correction and/or deletion of data



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circulating online virtually impossible), it may not be possible to satisfy requests for anonymity submitted after the publication of the Committee's decision. The Committee shall not be responsible to the author/alleged victim in any manner for any inconvenience, arising out of his failure to notify the Committee in a timely manner about his decision not to have his name disclosed to the public at large.

For information, please find herewith a copy of the Committee's rules of procedure.

Yours sincerely,

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