



**DELEGATION OF CANADA TO THE OSCE  
STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR NATASHA CAYER  
ON HUMAN RIGHT CONCERNS IN TURKEY  
1150<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL  
22 JUNE 2017**

Mr. Chairperson,

Canada reiterates its deep concern with the June 6 arrest of the Head of the Amnesty International office in Turkey, Mr. Taner Kiliç, and is closely monitoring the on-going procedures.

This arrest occurs in a context in which increasing numbers of human rights defenders, academics, journalists, and a widening range of civil society actors, are being impacted by the broad application of national security measures.

This case deepens Canada's concern that in the difficult balance each state must strike between security and freedom, individual rights and freedoms in Turkey could be placed at risk. Canada is committed to working with Turkey to advance our common interest in security, human rights and the rule of law.

Thank you.