

**STATEMENT BY THE TURKISH DELEGATION
DURING THE MEETING OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE GENERAL STATUS AND
OPERATION OF THE CONVENTION**

27 April 2007

Mr. Co-Chair,

In order not to delay the proceeding any further, I will be brief.

With reference to the statement delivered a short while ago by France, we would like to remind delegates that Turkey expressed its views on the activities of “Geneva Call” and engaging terrorist organizations in its statements that were delivered on Monday and Tuesday.

As the representative of France has said, engaging “armed non-state actors” is very delicate and has pitfalls.

When the consent of the concerned State Party is obtained, as we heard this morning in the case of the Philippines, there is clearly no problem.

However, when the engagement is with terrorist organizations on international lists of terrorist organizations, such as that of the European Union, potential pitfalls become absolute and a serious blow is delivered to international efforts to combat terrorism.

I thank you.