

Committee: DISEC

Topic: *Regulating the Use of Private Military and Security Companies (PMSCs)*

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The issue of PMSCs is becoming more important in today's world. These companies are often hired to provide protection, security, and military services in dangerous areas such as The Middle East. However, there is a severe lack of international laws detailing how they are allowed to operate. They may take part in human rights violations and negatively impact ongoing conflicts. This is the reason the international community must cooperate in order to regulate these companies with better control, ensuring security for our citizens. Without strong and clear regulations, PMSCs can operate recklessly and not be responsible. This debate is important because it greatly affects global peace, state sovereignty, governments and their ability to protect their people. All Member States must come together to build a regulatory system to keep PMSCs under control, and our citizens safe.

We have spoken many times at UN conferences about the dangers of unregulated PMSCs. We are a supporter of the Montreux Document, which gives guidance on ways to combat the threats of PMSCs within international law. We've also taken part in discussions at the Human Rights Council about creating stronger regulations. In recent years, we've seen how certain PMSCs have helped groups that go against our country's policies and threaten peace in the region. We have strict regulations on how PMSCs are allowed to operate and ensure that they are rarely used. Instead, we have chosen to use our own military forces and government for national security. Internationally, we've worked with NATO allies in the past, to share information and improve safety in places where PMSCs are active. We believe while international discussions have started, that they are not enough. We also believe that strong action is absolutely necessary to ensure the safety and security of our people, without the risks that come with PMSC.

We as the Republic of Turkey approach the issue of PMSC's with both increasing interest and concern. Being located at a crossroad between Europe, Asia, and the Middle East, we have directly observed how certain PMSCs can disturb the balance of power in conflict areas, often going under the radar. Our geopolitical environment makes us vulnerable to unregulated foreign PMSC's. While we realise the impact PMSCs can have in ensuring state security in certain areas, we also believe that unchecked use may undermine state sovereignty, escalate conflicts, and violate international law. We as the Republic of Turkey see this debate as a very urgent and very underlooked topic that the UN needs to address. We understand that in regions like the Middle East, the use of PMSCs are not only a legal issue but one with many political and military consequences. As such, Turkey believes enforcement on PMSCs is highly necessary.

We firmly believe that an international agreement should be set in place in order to make clear and strict regulations that all countries must follow. This agreement should make sure that PMSCs cannot work in another country without true and total permission from both the country that hires them and the country they're operating in. We also suggest creating a list of all PMSCs, showing who they work for and where they operate. This could help with international security and would aid the UN in keeping track of all dangerous groups present in the world. We also support a complaint system where countries can file complaints about PMSCs within their border that don't follow regulations. In regions like the Middle East, we suggest countries cooperate in groups to enforce the PMSCs present near their borders. Lastly, we believe that the UN should aid countries with weaker systems by aiding them in training and financial support. With such measures, PMSCs can be better regulated.