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Statement from the Embassy of Turkey in Washington, DC

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We welcome the decision of the United States to resume as of today regular visa procedures, by lifting the restrictions applied to our citizens. In accordance with the principle of reciprocity, restrictions on visa services applied to American citizens have been lifted simultaneously.

Regarding the assurances expressed in the U.S. statement, we would like to emphasize that Turkey is a state of law, and that our government has not provided any assurances concerning the ongoing judicial processes. No foreign mission personnel has been subjected to legal investigation in performing their official duties in our country. Despite our previous clarifications to the contrary, it is inappropriate to misinform Turkish and American public that such assurances were provided.

On the other hand, Turkey still has very serious concerns about the ongoing cases against Turkish citizens in the United States.

Turkish officials will continue to engage with their American counterparts to seek a satisfactory resolution of these cases.

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