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Dear Sirs,

Human rights organizations found out that on 17 January, 2017 Zhaksylyk Zharimbetov had been detained in Istanbul Sabiha Gokcen International Airport. On 21 January, 2017 Kazakhstani special services took Zharimbetov out from Turkey by chartered plane¹. The Open Dialog Foundation kindly asks to explain the decision of authorities of the Republic of Turkey on the case of Kazakhstani citizen Zhaksylyk Zharimbetov, whom Great Britain granted refugee status in respect of Kazakhstan:

1. What was the basis for detention of Zhaksylyk Zharimbetov? Do Turkish authorities have documents which were the basis for detention?
2. Why Zharimbetov was not allowed to have an access to lawyers?
3. Did Turkish authorities address competent authorities of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in order to confirm information about Zharimbetov's refugee status? If yes, was appropriate answer received?
4. Does rendering of refugee Zharimbetov correspond with the principle of non-refoulement which is enshrined in agreements ratified by Turkey, such as Convention Relating to the Status of

¹ <http://en.odfoundation.eu/a/8031,turkey-helped-nazarbayev-to-kidnap-political-refugee-zhaksylyk-zharimbetov>

Refugees states, United Nations Convention against Torture and the European Convention on Human Rights?

5. Within what legal procedure was Zharimbetov rendered to Kazakhstan authorities (deportation or extradition)?
6. Which body of the Republic of Turkey took the decision about transfer of Zharimbetov to Kazakhstani authorities? Is there any appropriate court decision?
7. Who of representatives of Kazakhstani authorities took part in Zharimbetov's transfer from Turkey?
8. Where did aircraft with Zharimbetov on board move? Where currently Zharimbetov is?

Yours sincerely,

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