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Dear Ms. Special Rapporteur,

With reference to the Note dated 20 November 2009 (Ref: POVERTY 2009 ER), I would like to bring to your kind attention the responses of the relevant Turkish authorities to the questionnaire on social protection of older persons.

Please accept, Ms. Special Rapporteur, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Answers of Questionnaire on Social Protection of Older Persons Addressed to Governments

(i) The legal and institutional framework

1. (a), (b)

For the individuals who are deemed to be insurance holder with Social Security and General Health Insurance Law for the first time; old - age pension shall be granted in 58 for females and 60 for males. Minimum day requirement for old-age pension is 9000 days for self-employed and civil servants and 7200 days for workers.

The insurance holders, who have a sickness or invalidity to the extent requiring to be deemed invalidity pension before the starting to work for the first time and therefore cannot benefit from the invalidity pension, they can be benefit from old-age pension after minimum fifteen years insurance period and paying minimum 3960 days of invalidity, old - age and survivors insurance premiums.

Based on the examination of reports and the medical documents which are prepared duly by the healthcare providers authorized by the Institution, the insurance holders whose rate of loss in working power is found by the Institution Health Committee to be;

- a) between 50% and 59%, shall have the right to receive old - age pension provided that they are insurance holders for a minimum of 16 years and have notified 4320 days,
- b) between 40% and 49%, shall have the right to receive old - age pension provided that they are insurance holders for a minimum of 18 years and have notified 4680 days, of invalidity, old - age and survivors insurance premiums. These may be held subject to control examination.

The age limit shall be applied as 55 for the insurance holders who continuously or in rotations at underground works of mining workplaces determined by the Ministry.

Insurance holders, who have passed the age of 55 and are determined to suffer from premature aging, shall benefit from old - age pension, provided that they fulfill conditions other than age.

After the enactment of Social Security and General Health Insurance Law, one fourth of her premium days of female insurance holder who have disabled child to the extent of being in need of permanent care of another person, shall be added to the sum of number of her premium days and in this way, she can retire early. These added periods shall be subtracted from the retirement age limits.