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## STATEMENT

### **Statement by the Spokesperson on the release of the hostages taken at the Turkish Consulate in Mosul**

*"We are pleased to learn that the 49 Turkish hostages taken on June 11 by ISIL in Mosul inside the premises of the Turkish consulate have been released and are able to be reunited with their families.*

*Our thoughts are also with all other hostages who remain captive; they should also be released without delay.*

*The international coalition is committed to ridding the region of the scourge of ISIL. Turkey is a vital partner in this endeavour and an essential focus for our dialogue."*

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