INFORMATION NOTE
ON THE DECREE-LAW NO. 682 OF 23 JANUARY 2017
ON GENERAL DISCIPLINARY PROVISIONS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

Aim
The aim of this decree-law is to regulate the lack of discipline and penalties regarding the law
enforcement officers, disciplinary supervisors and boards, procedures of disciplinary
proceeding and other relevant issues.

Scope
The decree-law regulates the common disciplinary provisions regarding the personnel
employed in the Directorate General of Security, General Command of Gendarmerie and
Coast Guard Command.

General provisions
The decree-law allows the disciplinary supervisors to use discretion regarding the
implementation of the disciplinary penalties; however, it regulates that they will use the
discretion in a prudent, fair and equitable manner. Moreover, a dual sanction law, which
regulates the dismissal resulting in no more working in the relevant organization and also the
dismissal resulting in no more serving as civil servant, has entered into force. On the other
hand, the decree law regulates in which circumstances a heavier disciplinary penalty may be
imposed for the issues defined as the act requiring disciplinary penalty.

Dismissal from the Civil Service
It is regulated that particularly the personnel committing acts of torture or involving in or
helping the formations which act against the national security shall be dismissed from the
civil service.

Disciplinary Boards
The formation and authorities of the separate disciplinary boards of Directorate General of
Security, General Command of Gendarmerie and Command of Coast Guard are defined, and
consistency is provided for the operation of boards, the principles on determining disciplinary
supervisors and their authorities.

Investigation Procedure
It has been set out that disciplinary penalty cannot be inflicted unless statements are taken by
disciplinary supervisors or boards.

Assessment and Conclusion
As inferred from the measures which are briefly explained above, disciplinary provisions are
re-addressed with a view to ensuring consistency and transparency of disciplinary provisions
on law enforcement officers. Especially, penalty for dismissal from civil service has been
brought on the condition that crime of torture is committed. In addition, disciplinary boards
are formed as consisting of more inclusive and higher supervisors, and two members of the
board are chosen among civilians.