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Dear Zülküf, dear Kemal,
dear colleagues and friends,

It is with great worry that we are following the arrest of Ekrem İmamođlu, the CHP mayor of the City of Istanbul and other political representatives. This is once more an attempt by the Erdoğan government to attack the opposition and to destroy democracy, to limit women's rights and those of minority groups and to undermine the peace process in Türkiye. These are serious threats, which will further increase the already existing authoritarian rule and repression.

We are deeply impressed by the teachers, students, trade unions and civil society organisations who are bravely standing up in defense of democracy – they deserve our respect and support. Eđitim Sen and its federation KESK have taken a very clear and principled stance in defending democracy, human and workers' rights. We appreciate our long-standing cooperation and we will continue to stand in solidarity with you!

Please let us know if there is anything we can do as GEW to support your important struggle for democratic and human rights in your country.

In solidarity,



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