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Urgent Call to End Repression and Restore Union Rights of Teachers in Türkiye

Your Excellency,

I am writing on behalf of **[Name of Organisation]**, a member of Education International (EI), the global federation representing over 32 million education workers in 178 countries.

We express our deep concern over the recent wave of repression targeting educators, students, and independent trade unionists in Türkiye, particularly the politically motivated house arrest of the Executive Board of Eğitim Sen, an EI affiliate.

The arrest of elected public officials, suppression of student protests, and criminalisation of legitimate union activity are all in direct violation of international human rights and labour standards to which Türkiye is a party.

We call on your government to:

- Immediately lift all restrictions on trade union rights, including the release from house arrest of Eğitim Sen leaders;
- Drop all baseless charges against education unionists and protestors;
- End politically motivated repression and respect the autonomy of universities and academic institutions;
- Support quality public education that is inclusive, science-based, and free from political interference;

Quality public education must empower students and societies, not serve as a means of oppression. We urge Türkiye's authorities to uphold your obligations under international law, including ILO Conventions on freedom of association and collective bargaining.

EI and its member organisations will continue to monitor the situation closely and raise these violations with the International Labour Organization and other global partners.

We stand in solidarity with our colleagues in Türkiye, and we urge immediate and genuine action to restore democracy, rights, and the rule of law.

Yours sincerely,

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