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Re: Halt the “witch-hunt” against education employees

Dear President,

[Your Organisation] wishes to express deep concerns regarding the ongoing ‘witch-hunt’ targeting education employees in Turkey, in the aftermath of the failed coup on 15 July.

The latest figures show the unprecedented scale of this repressive campaign: tens of thousands of education workers were removed from their positions, including members of the education union EĞİTİM SEN.

The large-scale punitive measures taken by the Turkish government against its own citizens, and particularly against the education community, are blatant violations of fundamental human rights.

Turkey has ratified a number of international conventions whereby your country commits itself to observing and protecting human rights and fundamental freedoms, including freedom of expression and academic freedom.

[Your Organisation] therefore urges your government to reverse course and rescind the unlawful measures taken against the education community, and to respect its international commitments and obligations.

[Your Organisation] and the teaching community worldwide stand in full solidarity with our Turkish colleagues. We will keep monitoring the situation and mobilise further, should your government continue with its persecution of education employees.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]