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Mr. President,

The Danish Union of teachers represents the teachers of public primary and lower secondary schools in Denmark. We have been following the struggle of our Turkish colleagues for many years and, unfortunately, we must face the fact that the situation for the education sector of Turkey is alarming and more critical than ever.

Under the guise of the emergency decree, an increasing number of education staff are being suspended or permanently dismissed from their duties and a large number of educators have been arrested and detained without trial, among them several members of EGITIM-SEN.

This is not only a critical situation for the teachers, who have been dismissed and cannot provide for their families, it is certainly also a tragedy for the Turkish education sector, pupils and students and, thus, holds a risk for the future of Turkey as a modern and democratic community.

The Danish Union of Teachers and the teaching community worldwide stand in full solidarity with our Turkish colleagues and the teacher trade union EGITIM-SEN. We will not turn the blind eye to the violation of human rights in your country.

Yours sincerely,

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