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**RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE ONGOING TEACHER PERSECUTIONS IN  
TURKEY**

**The Executive Board of OLME vehemently condemns** the ongoing persecutions targeting teachers in Turkey. In the aftermath of the failed coup on 15 July 2016, the Turkish government has unleashed a series of repressive actions against tens of thousands of education workers, including members of the education union, EGITIM SEN.

Specifically, during this repressive campaign

- 28,163 education workers were dismissed,
- 112 EGITIM SEN members and officials were removed from their positions including 36 academics who had signed a petition demanding peace,
- the license of twenty-one thousand (21,000) private school teachers was revoked with the accusation of their alleged involvement in the failed military coup,
- On Sept. 8, 2016 another 11,301 education workers - 9,843 of them EGITIM SEN members – were suspended.

We are deeply disturbed by the large scale punitive measures the Turkish government continues to take against its own citizens and particularly against the education community. Persecuting political opponents constitutes a blatant violation of fundamental human rights. Turkey has ratified a number of international conventions protecting human rights and fundamental freedoms including the freedom of expression and academic freedom; however, the government has

defiantly chosen to suspend the application of the European Convention on the Human Rights in Turkey and escalate the persecutions of political opponents.

The Board of OLME:

- **Condemns the mass persecutions of teachers and public sector employees in Turkey on the grounds of their political affiliation**
- **Calls upon the Turkish government to respect the fundamental principles of democracy and the Individual Rights of Turkish citizens and resume with no further delay the application of the European Convention on Human Rights in Turkey.**
- **Stands in full solidarity with the Turkish people and The Turkish education employees suffering persecutions**

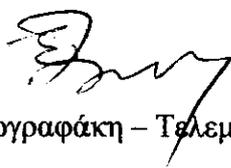
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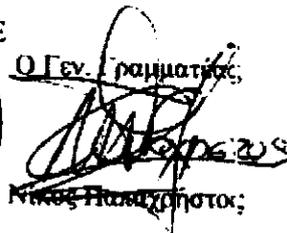
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