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Re: Education International and Public Services International condemn Turkey's violation of education and public sector employees' rights

Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

On behalf of more than 52.5 million union members, the Education International and the Public Services International express their deep dismay over developments and events unfolding in Turkey.

As we have witnessed since the attempted coup on 15 July, 2016, it has become abundantly clear that the actions of the Turkish Government have gone far beyond any reasonable response.

Since that day we have witnessed the persecution of thousands of Turkish citizens, many of whom belong to the education and public sectors, members of unions affiliated to our international organisations. In our view, Turkey is ignoring its commitments to various international human and trade union rights conventions adopted by the UN or UN Agencies, which it has ratified.

Education and public services unions all over the world strongly support and stand with their Turkish colleagues. The arrests and dismissal of many of our members represent violations of human and trade union rights, such as the freedom of expression, academic freedom and the right to organize, which are to be protected by the United Nations.

The Education International and the Public Services International therefore respectfully urge you to intervene and to take action to end Turkey's unacceptable crackdown.

Yours sincerely,



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General Secretary, EI

Yours sincerely,



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