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To all Presidents and all Secretaries of the WPA Member Societies

Dear Colleagues,

Referring to the attached statement posted on the WPA website yesterday, the WPA joins the World Medical Association in condemning the arrests, threats of physical violence, and the criminal complaint that has been made against the Turkish Medical Association.

Please note that we will appreciate your efforts to spread the message and work to secure the release of eleven medical leaders in Turkey, two of whom are psychiatrists.

Our Turkish colleagues describe themselves as deeply sorry and astonished by the situation and the detention of the leaders of Turkish Medical Association, among them two psychiatrist colleagues Rasit Tükel, President and Sezai Berber member of EC.

We count on your collaborative support.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Herrman

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Enclosure