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Mr. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan

President of the Republic of Turkey

Ankara

Turkey

[*insert date*]

Dear President,

I am writing to you as an affiliate of the Public Services International (PSI), which represents more than 20 million workers in 150 countries, including Turkey, to express concerns over the recent incidents of violence and repression against trade unionists of DISK/Genel-İş in the country.

The **killing of Mr. Mehmet Kaplan**, occurred on 17 January 2016, as well as the acts of aggression against **Mr. Ramazan Uysal**, who lost his arm after he was shot on 15 December 2015, are awful crimes that deserve a thorough investigation by the government of Turkey in order to bring their perpetrators to justice.

Also, the arrest and detention of **Mr. Mazlum Özmen**, **Mr. Mesut Ayık**, and **Mr. Nedim Oruç**, for carrying out trade union activities, are a violation of human and trade union rights protected by many international instruments, for instance ILO Convention No. 87, ratified by Turkey.

[*union name*] strongly condemns these incidents and urges the government of Turkey to address the continued and systematic attacks on trade unionists, making possible the realization of the right to freedom of association and guaranteeing the protection of all workers and trade unionists in the country.

Thank you for your consideration.

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