

To: Mrs Pervin Buldan and Mr Mithat Sancar, co-Chairs of the People's Democratic Party (HDP)

Dear Pervin and Mithat,

The National Party Council of the Socialist Party of the Netherlands expresses its deep and sincere solidarity and friendship with our comrades Selahattin Demirtas, Figen Yüksekdağ - former co-chairs of HDP - as well as all other members and representatives of HDP who have been unlawfully imprisoned by the Turkish authorities and deprived from their fundamental freedoms and rights.

Already four years ago Selahattin, Figen and so many others were shamefully robbed from their freedoms and their democratic rights by the Turkish authorities which, by doing so, brutally violated their own obligations under the Turkish Constitution and the European Convention on Human Rights, to which Turkey has committed itself long ago.

We call again on the Turkish authorities to immediately release Selahattin, Figen and all other political prisoners in Turkey, and to restore them in all their democratic rights.

We call again on the Dutch Government to remind the Turkish government to its own obligations towards its citizens, and to make clear that continuation of its crack down of politicians, journalists, academics and activists, will have serious consequences in the relations between the Turkish government and the Netherlands.

Please convey our best wishes to Selahattin, Figen and all comrades of HDP.

Kind regards,

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