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THE SITUATION OF DEMOCRACY AND LIBERTIES IN TURKEY

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After the failed coup attempt on July 15, Turkey follows a different method which do not comply with the human rights and democracy. Meanwhile the fight against The Islamic terrorist organisation FETÖ continues; Turkey moves away from democracy and human rights trying to squelch the opposing components. In our statement soon after the coup attempt, was said that there was a consensus between all political parties for democracy. Sadly, this consensus fell into decay and the ruling party, AKP, has been a resource of the behaviours which cannot comply with human rights, secularism and democracy.

The state of emergency which was approved by the parliament for 3 months has been extended for another 3 months. After this, operations against opponents accelerated. The pressure on the main opposition party, CHP, has begun to rise with the arrest of CHP members. CHP Leader, Kemal Kılıçdaroğlu, who was being threatened, became victim of a failed assassination attempt on August 25. The vice president of CHP, Bülent Tezcan, was shot in the foot on October 25 and the official car of CHP's mayor, Handan Toprak, was shot on November 2. It becomes difficult to do politics for the biggest secularist party of Turkey, CHP. Apart from that, opposition party, HDP, which has a huge support in south-eastern Anatolia, faces unacceptable pressures. The government appoints a trustee to the municipalities of HDP. Finally, co-mayors of Diyarbakır were arrested and a trustee has been assigned to the Municipality of Diyarbakır. The pressure on HDP is not only related to municipalities, but also to the MPs of HDP: 9 members of parliament, also the co-leaders of HDP Selahattin Demirtaş and Figen Yüksekdağ, have been arrested.

The rector elections in universities were abolished and the appointments of rectors latched onto the president of the republic within the "delegated legislations", which passed as a part of the "state of emergency". At the same time, many dissident newspapers, television channels and radio stations were closed down. Recently, the newspaper "Cumhuriyet" (means "Republic") is under the attack of government. Its chief editor, authors and lawyers have been arrested. Since Cumhuriyet represents the secularism and progressive values, it clearly shows that the ruling party fights against the values of republic under the pretext of FETÖ investigations.

The disengagement of Turkey from democracy, secularism and human rights can never be accepted. Young European Socialists stand in solidarity with the people of Turkey, mainly progressive people in Turkey to build secularism, social democracy and rule of law. We believe that solidarity and peace will win, no matter how hard it seems, thanks to the struggle of the progressive people in Turkey.

Just as we said in Gezi protests, we, as Young European Socialists stand with all progressive voices, especially with our member organisation CHP Youth in their ambition and work, shoulder to shoulder against fascism.

YES demands the re-implementation of the rule of law which includes the abolition of sexist policies, the stop of the arrest of opposition media, the stop of prosecution of Kurdish people and other minorities, and the respect of the freedom of speech.

YES also demands from the EU institutions the use of diplomatic actions to put further pressure on the regime of Erdogan in Turkey.

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Minority statement: CHP Turkey opposes this resolution.