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HAND IN HAND FOR FREEDOM
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We, as the participants of the ILC Preparation Meeting of ITUC-PERC show our support and solidarity for those who will tried next week. We make the following call to show solidarity with trade union activists in Turkey. First, we call for the immediate release of detained trade unionists. Second, we urge the Turkish government to halt all repression against trade unions, whose members are only practicing their legal trade union rights including organizing and engaging in peaceful union activities.

We commit ourselves to the following, which we make within the frame of campaign for the release of the detained trade union activists, called "hand in hand for freedom".

- We shall disseminate this campaign throughout Europe and internationally.
- We shall be in contact with KESK to receive information on the harassments against all trade union members.
- We shall copy this statement of our commitment in different languages in order to inform more people about the situation of trade unionists in Turkey and also about this statement.
- We shall inform and call on more people to attend to the next hearings against trade union activists in Turkey.
- We condemn the prosecutions of trade union activists, and will send faxes, letters and e-mails to the relevant authorities such as the prime minister and ministries of interior and justice.
- We shall make necessary representations to the Turkish embassies in relevant countries in order to get permission to visit to the detained.