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**Re: Halt the persecution of your education employees**

Dear President,

As education organizations, representing over half a million educators across Canada, we express our deepest concerns over your government's persecution of tens of thousands of education employees in Turkey by removing them from their positions after the failed coup on July 15.

These large-scale punitive measures taken by the Turkish government against its own citizens, and particularly against the education community, are blatant violations of fundamental human rights.

Turkey has ratified a number of international conventions whereby your country commits itself to observing and protecting human rights and fundamental freedoms, including freedom of expression and academic freedom.

Standing in solidarity with our sister education union EĞİTİM SEN, we are the:

- Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT)
- Canadian Teachers' Federation (CTF)
- Centrale des syndicats du Québec (CSQ)
- Fédération nationale des enseignantes et enseignants du Québec (FNEEQ-CSN)
- Fédération du personnel professionnel des universités et de la recherche (FPPU)
- Fédération québécoise des professeures et professeurs d'université (FQPPU)

Together we urge your government to reverse course and rescind the unlawful measures taken against the education community, and to respect its international commitments and obligations.

We, and the teaching community worldwide, stand in full solidarity with our Turkish colleagues. We will keep monitoring the situation and mobilize further should your government continue with its oppression of education employees.

Yours sincerely,

  
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