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On the occasion of the anniversary of the attempted Coup d'État on July 15, 2016 in Türkiye, AEAJ reiterates its solidarity with Turkish judges and prosecutors under pressure for carrying out their judicial functions in accordance with the principle of judicial independence. Since 2016, more than 4 000 judges and prosecutors have been dismissed from their positions without fair and adversarial proceedings, some of them are still detained. We emphasize that many of our Turkish colleagues have stood courageously for judicial independence, the protection of fundamental rights and the rule of law, which form the core of our European values.

Furthermore, we observe closely the developments within the Turkish judiciary, seeing with grave concern the continuous erosion of an independent judiciary. The Platform for an Independent Judiciary in Türkiye, composed of AEAJ, EAJ, Medel and R4R, has continuously pointed to this fact.

We see as our duty to stand up in concern of our Turkish colleagues, and urge to reinstate unduly/unfairly dismissed colleagues, to return their confiscated assets and to stop detention and wrongful prosecution of judges and prosecutors. AEAJ calls again for taking the necessary steps to restore the rule of law in Türkiye.

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