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Support Letter: The EAP supports freedom of speech.

The EAP fully supports our Turkish colleagues in their public statement that war is a public health problem.

We agree with the global medical community that the Turkish Medical Association has a duty to support human rights and peace and we are deeply alarmed about the latest arrests and the criminal complaint. Together with our colleagues we strongly denounce these attacks on freedom of expression.

EAP joins other International Associations in calling on the Turkish authorities to immediately release the physician leaders and to end the campaign of intimidation. We urge national pediatric associations in Europe to advocate for the full respect of Turkey's humanitarian and human rights obligations, including the right to health, freedom of association and expression.

On behalf of the European Academy of Paediatrics

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