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Dear Chair,

I am representing Open Dialog Foundation

I am drawing your attentions to Human Rights violations in Turkey.

We were all shocked with the tragic coup attempt in Turkey last year. Mr President blamed members of Gulen movement very quickly, within the first hours of the attempt for masterminding the coup. While the coup attempt was still in progress, The Gulen Movement has firmly condemned this attempt to overthrow the country's democratically elected institutions and announced that the dreadful attempt should be fully investigated and whoever the perpetrators should face the legal consequences.

However the coup attempt was interpreted as "Gift by God" by the current president **and then kicked of a huge purge in the country.**

It was declared that State of Emergency is necessary to spot Gulen Movement supporters who were suddenly became terrorist with a Governmental Decree and Mr Erdogan said if you like the practise could be called witch hunt. Government with the blame of being Gulenist; so far sacked 146000 civil servants including thousands of primary school teachers, police officers, etc. detained 126,000, jailed 60000, shut down 2,000 schools and universities, sacked 8700 academics, 4,400 judges, prosecutors dismissed, shut down 150 media outlets, and arrested 230 journalists. And confiscated Billions of euro worth private assets.

Reports by organisations like Amnesty international and Human Rights Watch showed that there is credible evidence that these people were being tortured in jails as well and 75 of them allegedly died as result of torture so far.

Soon reports by intelligence services (IntCen, German BND) and UK Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee suggested that the coup was not masterminded by the Gulen movement however all media in Turkey turned to be single channel because of the scaremonger so nobody heard of this. The oppression to journalists, academics, liberals and Kurdish activists and politicians revealed that the witch hunt was not only to the Gulenists but all opposition.

Today there are 668 babies younger than 6 months old in Turkey jails with their mothers waiting for international reaction.

For further details Please check out web page turkeypurge.com or I am more than happy to supply further details.

Thank you.