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Dear President,

As the rest of the world, we are following the human tragedy that Egypt is facing today with great concern. As physicians well aware of our primary duty of ensuring the survival of human beings and healing their sufferings, this situation deeply hurts all of us. No one can tolerate a State that kills its own citizens.

It is the right of every individual to live in a society free from hunger, disease, killings and pain. Considering that health is defined as the state of social well being besides physical and mental health as well, it is apparent that a democratic, secular and free environment for each and every individual is also a precondition for health. Thus, wars, weapons and coups are also considered as public health problems and totally rejected by physicians. Besides extending health services irrespective of people's religion, language or ethnic origin, physicians, we believe, also have the duty of working for the unity of and peace in their societies.

Turkey is a country that suffered much from military coups; State initiated terror and manipulations of international actors. Thus, it is not so hard for us to understand pains that the people of Egypt suffer today and various scenarios over the fate of the country. The region we share now is a part of the world where people of different cultures and ethnicities have, for hundreds of years, managed to live together. However, for a long time now, the region appears to be turning into a group of countries who fail to, cannot or not allowed to take steps for democratization.

In such an environment, the extremely difficult duty that the physicians in Egypt have to undertake is beyond any doubt. Yet, the requirements of the profession will be accomplished even under these adverse circumstances. In this regard, we can assure you about the feelings of solidarity of all physicians in Turkey. We also want you to know that the Turkish Medical Association is ready for any kind of assistance and cooperation.

We extend you our sincere wishes for immediate end of the coup environment, deaths and pains in Egypt and for quick transition to a democratic, free and secular environment.

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