

## TO ANKARA 32ND HIGH CRIMINAL COURT

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**Subject:** My testimony concerning charges in the indictment.

My specialization as a physician is in psychiatry and topics I concentrate on include post-trauma stress disorders, suicide and patients in their terminal phases. One can tell that these are topics that many in the field of medicine avoid. Consequently I have been engaged as a physician with many people affected by wars, armed conflicts, suicidal behaviour, cancer and terminal phase illnesses and I have first-hand knowledge about persons in these conditions. Besides this professional engagement, I am a member of the TMA believing that organized efforts are needed to prevent or avoid such situations.

In 2009, I was the psychological section coordinator of the project conducted jointly by the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Justice and TMA for the training of 4,000 doctors and 1,500 judges-prosecutors. So we collaborated with governmental agencies as well.

I strongly reject charges against me. Quotations from 3 of thousands of books in my library at home are presented as my own opinion and I object this. These are books that were bought from a bookstore and can be found in any bookstore today.

As to photographs found in my computer, these are photographs downloaded by computer system and entered into a separate file, not photographs that I specially selected and downloaded.

I am a physician and in most of my life I spent efforts to disseminate, protect and promote the universal values of the profession of medicine. I have never been drifted away by discourse of violence and hatred. To the contrary I am now here before you for standing against such discourse.

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