



President Erdoğan
Minister of Justice Mr. Bekir Bozdağ
Minister of Interior Mr. Süleyman Soylu

Kópavogur, November 18, 2022.

Re: In support of Turkish doctors.

Your Excellencies.

The Icelandic Medical Association condemns the detention and judicial harassment of Professor Şebnem Korur Fincancı, the President of the Turkish Medical Association, and joins the CPME and other medical associations in calling for her immediate release.

The arrest of Professor Şebnem Korur Fincancı followed a media interview calling for an investigation of the possible use of chemical weapons in Kurdish regions.

The Icelandic Medical Association is alarmed by these news, and views her arrest and detention as yet another example of harassment of our Turkish colleagues.

The Icelandic Medical Association urges Turkish authorities to take steps to restore relations with Turkish doctors to ensure medical neutrality and to protect human rights in Turkey. Furthermore, Icelandic doctors call for the immediate and unconditional release of Professor Şebnem Korur Fincancı, as her detention only aims to sanction her legitimate human rights activities.

Sincerely,

Steinunn Þórðardóttir,
President
The Icelandic Medical Association

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Minister of Foreign Affairs, Þórdís Kolbrún Reykfjörð Gylfadóttir.
The Turkish Medical Association.