

El Presidente

Türk Tıpı Birliđi

Bulvarı Şehit Daniş Tunalıgil Sok. No: 2 Kat: 4, 06570 Maltepe- Ankara
ttb@ttb.org.tr

Madrid, 3 November 2022

Dear colleagues:

As President of Spanish Medical Council (CGCOM), I wish, through this letter, to send my support and solidarity to Dr. Sebnen Korur-Fincanci, President of the Turkish Medical Association (TBB), arrested and imprisoned last week, accused of "terrorist propaganda" after denouncing the use of chemical weapons by the Turkish Armed Forces in their fight against Kurdish guerrillas in northern Iraq.

The defense of human rights is inherent to the medical profession itself. Therefore, reporting any suspicion of violation of the physical integrity of any individual or group of people is an ethical and professional obligation of any doctor.

Dr. Korur-Fincanci's statement cannot be considered a crime, since they are within the framework of public debate and freedom of speech. Hence her arrest and imprisonment represent a violation of her own human rights.

For all these reasons, I wish, following the example of World Medical Association (WMA) President, Dr. Frank Ulrich Montgomery, to join the messages and statements of rejection of the arrest and imprisonment of Dr. Korur-Fincanci, and to denounce any type of political persecution of medical professionals.

Best regards,



Dr. Tomás Cobo Casto
President of CGCOM