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INVITATION FOR PRESS CONFERENCE

HUNDREDS OF LAWYERS APPLY TO VISIT KURDISH LEADER MR. ABDULLAH ÖCALAN

More than 1500 lawyers worldwide have sent a letter to the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Turkey about the restriction of Mr. Abdullah Öcalan's right of access to his lawyers in the prison on İmralı Island in Turkey.

The situation in İmralı prison has been described by lawyers worldwide as a special and discriminatory form of isolation. Also the CPT has warned: Clearly, therefore, solitary confinement on its own potentially raises issues in relation to the prohibition of torture and inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment

More than 1500 lawyers made their demand clear and submitted their application to visit Mr. Abdullah Öcalan and the other prisoners held in İmralı within the scope of domestic law of Turkey.

We would like to welcome you to our press conference where we will explain our application to Turkey and our reasons behind this application.

**Date: 16 September 2024,
Time: 11.00 am
Location: Press Club Brussels Europe
Rue Froissart 95, 1000 Bruxelles, Belgium**

Speakers :

- Heike GEISWEID, Co-president of Association for Democracy and International Law (MAF-DAD)
- Hélène DEBATY, President of Syndicat des Avocats pour la Démocratie : le SAD, European Democratic Lawyers, (AED)
- Thomas SCHMIDT, Co-Secretary General of European Association of Lawyers for Democracy & World Human Rights (ELDH)
- Yves OSCHINSKY, Human Rights Institute of the Brussels Bar.



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