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Sehr geehrter Herr Yılmaz,

mit großer Sorge verfolge ich die Situation der Studierenden der Boğaziçi-Universität in Istanbul. Bei einem Protest und in den Tagen danach ist die Polizei mutmaßlich brutal und rechtswidrig gegen mindestens 15 Studierende vorgegangen.

Stellen Sie bitte sicher, dass alle Folter- oder Misshandlungsvorwürfe sowie die Drohungen und Beleidigungen der Sicherheitskräfte gegen die Protestierenden der Bosphorus-Universität sofort gründlich, unabhängig und unparteiisch untersucht und die Verantwortlichen vor Gericht gestellt werden.

Gewährleisten Sie bitte außerdem, dass das Recht auf friedliche Versammlung gewahrt wird.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen

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Dear Mr Yılmaz,

I am writing regarding the alleged torture or other ill-treatment of students detained during dawn raids carried out by the armed officers of the Special Forces (Ozel Harekat) between 5 and 7 January, on allegations that they have violated Article 32.1 of the Law on Meetings and Demonstrations during an overwhelmingly peaceful assembly at the Boğaziçi University in Istanbul on 4 January, protesting the appointment by the President of Prof Melih Bulu as the rector of the University. Law enforcement officials used tear gas and water cannons indiscriminately to disperse the largely peaceful protestors.

All those detained during the protest and dawn raids have since been released, the majority under judicial control, but the risk of prosecution remains should they be charged.

In light of this, I urge you to ensure that all allegations of torture or other ill-treatment and threats and abuse by law enforcement officials against the Boğaziçi University protestors are promptly, thoroughly, independently and impartially investigated with those found to have carried out acts of torture or other ill-treatment and threats are brought to justice, and to ensure the right to freedom of peaceful assembly is upheld.

Yours sincerely,