

## **Letter of Repudiation**

### **To the Ambassador of Turkey in Portugal**

#### **For the release of the men and women illegally arrested**

On May 28<sup>th</sup>. 35 members of Turkish social movements, trade unions, feminist organizations and human rights associations were illegally arrested. Computers, CDs and documents were illegally confiscated from the Confederation of Public Employees Trade Unions and Teachers' Trade Union offices.

No formal accusations were made against these men and women and the legal process was kept confidential. At the moment, there are 22 activists arrested (10 women and 12 men), mainly trade unionists, teachers and four members of the World March of Women.

The trial that was supposed to have occurred on August 8<sup>th</sup>. was postponed to the 19<sup>th</sup>. and 20<sup>th</sup>. November in Izmir. The 22 arrested activists and other 9 initially arrested and then released will be present to this trial.

The undersigned entities, men and women:

Express their indignation for the illegal detention, for the time elapsed between the detentions and the accusations and for the delay in judging these Turkish activists, as well as the illegal confiscation of computers , CDs and documents

Denounce the repression on unionists, activists of social movements and opposition movements in Turkey.

Demand the immediate release of every men and women arrested, to whom they declare their total solidarity and demand the end of the repression against the Turkish social movements.