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Dear Prime Minister Yıldırım,

It is with great concern that Kommunal, the biggest trade union in Sweden, has learnt that thousands of public service workers have been arrested, suspended and removed from their jobs over the last weeks, as a follow-up to the attempted coup in July.

We acknowledge the Government's right to investigate and bring to justice those responsible for the attempted coup, though Kommunal expresses its concern and condemns the suspension and removal of public service workers.

The Turkish Government should respect the right to organise and guarantee freedom of association for public employees. The Turkish Government should also respect human rights stated in the national laws and international conventions, like the European Convention on Human Rights.

Kommunal has a longstanding cooperation with public sector trade unions in Turkey and we will continue to closely monitor the situation in Turkey and defend the rights of public sector workers.

Yours faithfully,
Kommunal, Swedish Municipal Workers' Union



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