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YOL-IS Stands at the Forefront of Struggle for Democracy

The attempted coup on Friday, 15 July 2016 was committed by a group within Turkish Armed Forces in an effort to overthrow constitutional order and pluralistic parliamentary system as the safeguards of the sovereignty which unconditionally belongs to the nation. The attempt has defeated thanks to the collective resistance of all segments of the society. YOL-IS, strongly condemns this deplorable coup attempt and those who are responsible, and stands in the forefront of the struggle for democracy.

YOL-IS, with the awareness of greatest victimisation suffered by workers and their unions during the times of previous civilian and military coups, calls for coup plotters and their domestic and foreign supporters to be judged, those who have intended to dissolve the democratic politics by conducting terrorist actions leaving 265 people death and thousands wounded. Despite their diversity, the people of Turkey have united and stopped the coup attempt. In order for the reinforcement of this consensus on democratic and peaceful principles offering a historic opportunity for unity, YOL-IS declares its intention regarding prosecutions to be done in full accordance with the rule of law.

As a union which staunchly believes that workers' rights and trade union rights if and only could exist in democratic, social and constitutional states, YOL-IS will continue to be a genuine supporter of its members and all Turkish workers who have unequivocally proved their commitment to democracy and to be a reliable defender of international principles relating to the fundamental rights and freedoms and to the human rights.

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