

JOINT STATEMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL OBSERVERS OF THE TRIAL AGAINST ÇHD LAWYERS

Silivri, March the 20th 2019

We, international observers, lawyers from Italy, France, Belgium, Germany, Greece and the Netherlands, representing :

- International Lawyers Association (UIA)
- Council of Bars and Law Societies in Europe (CCBE)
- International Association of Democratic Lawyers
- European Association of Lawyers for Democracy and World Human Rights
- Italian Democratic Lawyers
- Italian Association of Criminal Lawyers
- European Democratic Lawyers
- Legal Team Italia
- International Observatory of Endangered Lawyers (OIAD)
- Lawyers without borders France (DSF-AS)
- Association of French and German speaking Bars of Belgium (OBFG)
- Brussels Bar (Belgium)
- Liege Bar (Belgium)
- Central Committee of French Lawyers (CNB)
- Paris Bar (France)
- Aix-en-Provence Bar (France)
- Bayonne Bar (France)
- Bordeaux Bar (France)
- Brive Bar (France)
- Clermont-Ferrand Bar (France)
- Dijon Bar (France)
- Epinal Bar (France)
- Grenoble Bar (France)
- Hauts-de-Seine Bar (France)
- Lyon Bar (France)
- Rennes Bar (France)
- Tarn-et-Garonne Bar (France)
- Toulouse Bar (France)

have observed the trial against the Progressive Lawyers Association ÇHD, starting with the first hearing in September 2018.

We have been witness to flagrant and shocking violations of fundamental principles of the rule of law such as the independence of the judiciary, the right to a fair trial and the rights of the defense.

The climax was reached yesterday when the President of the Court abruptly excluded all the lawyers from the possibility to assist to the hearing.

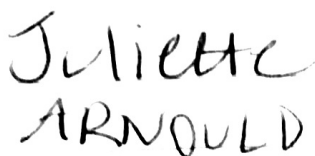
We are convinced that at this point this trial is completely null and void.

Protesting against the heavy prison terms inflicted, we insist on the immediate acquittal of all defendants, to be attained through all possible judicial and legal means.

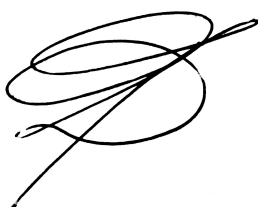
We express our solidarity to the defendants in the name of the common struggle for upholding justice and rule of law.

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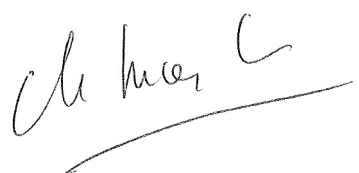
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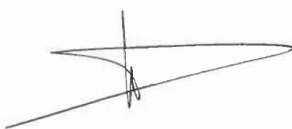
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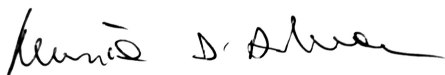
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