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To: ETUCE member organisations
Members of the ETUCE Committee

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Request for Actions

Dear colleagues,

Following Turkey's withdrawal from [the Istanbul Convention on Prevention of Violence against Women and Domestic Violence](#), through [Presidential decree No.9](#), on 20 March 2021 and considering that the official process of withdrawal is expected to be completed by next July, ETUCE calls on all its member organisations to join their efforts in defending women's and girls' rights and in preserving their fundamental rights in Turkey.

ETUCE calls on its member organisations to once again demonstrate their support and solidarity with their sister organisation in Turkey, Egitim-Sen, stand together against exceedingly damaging consequences that this withdrawal will imply for the protection of human rights of women and girls as well as the LGBTI community in Turkey.

TAKE ACTION: I ask you to immediately address a protest letter, using the attached model letter, to the Turkish government contact@tccb.gov.tr to highlight the vital role that the Istanbul Convention plays as the first international agreement recognising violence against women and girls as a human rights violation. I also ask you to copy the Minister of Family, Labour and Social Services (ozelkalem@ailevecalisma.gov.tr), the Minister of National Education (okm@meb.gov.tr), Directorate general of foreign affairs of Turkey (disiliskiler@ailevecalisma.gov.tr), the Committee on Equality of Opportunity for Women and Men of Turkey (kefek@tbmm.gov.tr), the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Turkey to the UN Office (turkey.unog@mfa.gov.tr) and the Permanent Representation of Turkey to the European Union (info@turkdeleg.org, tr-delegation.eu@mfa.gov.tr). Please copy our colleagues in Egitim-Sen (international@egitimsen.org.tr).

I kindly ask you to send us copies of your protest letters at secretariat@csee-etuce.org.

Sincerely Yours,

Susan Flocken
European Director