SUBMISSION TO AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL - 2022/23 TURKIYE REPORT

Letter to the Secretary General and International Board - 8 May 2023

The Security Studies and Rule of Law Association (SRL), established in Geneva, Switzerland in January 2023, submits this communication concerning Amnesty International's 2022/23 annual report, *The State of the World's Human Rights*. SRL had previously communicated its concerns to Amnesty International's Türkiye Branch on 9 April 2023 but had received no response at the time of this letter.

SRL acknowledges the report's coverage of political and ethnic grievances, gender discrimination, freedom of expression and individual cases. At the same time, SRL considers that the report does not adequately reflect the scale and range of rights violations affecting people subjected to measures adopted after the 2016 coup attempt.

The communication refers to official figures concerning measures adopted under emergency decrees, including 125,678 dismissals from public service and a total of 131,922 emergency measures. It also raises concerns regarding imprisonment, children affected by the detention of their mothers, discrimination against people dismissed by emergency decree, and difficulties experienced by earthquake victims with KHK backgrounds in accessing public support.

SRL further refers to findings of the United Nations Working Group on Arbitrary Detention and judgments of the European Court of Human Rights concerning liberty and security, fair-trial guarantees, freedom of expression and association, and allegations of torture and ill-treatment. The letter also raises concerns regarding reported forcible transfers of individuals from foreign countries to Türkiye.

The communication asks Amnesty International to clarify the criteria used in selecting developments for its annual Türkiye reporting and requests that large-scale rights concerns affecting people associated with post-2016 emergency measures receive appropriate consideration in future reports. SRL also offers to provide information and documentation relevant to human-rights monitoring in Türkiye.

Board of Directors
Security Studies and Rule of Law Association
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This is an English editorial summary of correspondence dated 8 May 2023. The numerical claims about dismissals and emergency-commission measures reproduce the historical record; their exact dataset and reference date are not established here. They are not presented as current totals. The full original letter and specific WGAD opinions and ECtHR decisions are needed to verify the comparison beyond this summary.