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President : CHATURANAN MISHRA M.P.
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To

The Secretary,
World Federation of Trade Unions,
Vinohradska 10,
12147 Prague 2,
Czechoslovakia.

Dear Comrade,

Please find Enclosed
herewith a copy of the memorandum
delivered at the Turkish Embassy at
New Delhi on 10th April 1986. A
deputation consisting of AITUC Vice-
presidents K.G.Sriwastava and B.D.
Joshi and Secretary Y.D.Sharma and
others went to the Embassy to deliver
the memorandum.

Greetings,

Yours fraternally,

T.N. Siddhanta
(T.N. SIDDHANTA)
Secretary.

Enclo: As above.



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Dated: 10. 4. 1986.

MEMORANDUM ~~TO~~ SUBMITTED TO THE PRIME MINISTER OF
TURKEY

His Excellency Mr. Turgut Ozal

Prime Minister of the Turkish Republic

on his visit to India

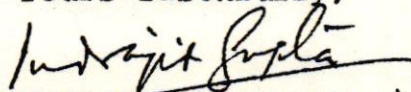
Your Excellency,

The All India Trade Union Congress representing over 3,000,000 workers in this country, takes this opportunity of placing before you the demand already voiced by trade unions throughout the world to withdraw the trial against the leaders of DISK and release all the leaders. The trial has been going for the past five years. It is indeed strange to see how step by step the prosecution has been forced to withdraw requests for death penalty and also requested that 674 of the 1477 be acquitted. This in itself shows clearly that even with a 809 page charge sheet it was impossible for the military prosecutor to substantiate the charges. The main charges against DISK, its alleged "terrorist acts" as an illegal organisation "founded on the use of violence" have had to be dropped. It is becoming increasingly clear that the trial of DISK is nothing short of vindictive political vendetta.

The trial instituted against the leaders of DISK and its affiliated organisations is clearly a violation of the most basic trade union rights and liberties, a violation of the ILO Convention on freedom of association which gives the right to form trade unions and function them legally. The AITUC therefore requests you to:

1. Release immediately Abdullah Basturk, DISK President and all those implicated in the false case instituted under the reprehensible Article 141 of the Turkish Penal Code.
2. Restore all trade union rights and allow the DISK to function normally.

Yours faithfully,


(INDRAJIT GUPTA, M.P.)
General Secretary.