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STATEMENT

Citizens,

On August 29, General Evren, head of the junta made a speech in Afyon. He directly attacked to our party in his speech. This speech was published in papers and broadcasted on the state radio and TV.

Evren attacked the Communist Party of Turkey and tried to defend the junta. Let us look through the details concretely. Our party, from the beginning has emphasized the reactionary character of the junta. It explained our people that this constitution of junta would be repressive, anti-democratic and curtailing the military dictatorship. And Evren in his speech, did nothing, but confirmed these realities.

In his speech, Evren gave quotations from our radio broadcastings against the junta administration. Yes, we are opposing the domestic and foreign policy of the junta administration. The junta administration defends the interests of a handful monopolists against interests of our people, toiling masses and against our national interests. It trails in the wake of the NATO chiefs and the US Administration. It follows a hypocritical policy. On one hand, he tries to present itself as a friend of Arab peoples and on the other hand, only few days ago, it announced through the spokesman of International Affairs Ministry that it supports the plans of Reagan who aims to strengthen the hegemony of the USA in the Middle East by basing itself on Israel.

Communist Party of Turkey has been waging a struggle against reaction and exploitation for sixty-two years. CPT is such a national party that none of bourgeois parties could not be and will not be such a party. Today, if broad circle share the opinion of the CPT in connection with the future of the present regime, against the constitution of the junta, all show that the CPT defends the interests of our people, of all national interests and also show the anti-popular, anti-national character of the constitution of the junta.

The junta is alarmed. Broad protests have been raised by our people. The junta could not keep people silent. Our people are in defence of their own constitutional rights. There are also opponents in the Consultative Assembly whose members appointed by the junta. Restlessness among the ranks of the army also increases. How can not be so? Pentagon, the generals of the NATO have turned our country, from Edirne to Kars, into a passage way. On the other hand, some foreign radios and papers say that changes will take place in the government and in the National Security Council.

The constitution is like a mirror which reflects all contradictions. The junta is trying to divide progressive forces with the "ogre of communism". It frightens those who say "No!" to the constitution of the junta with the demagogy of "following the line of the CPT". They will not reach to anywhere with this demagogy.

The junta administration has no face to tell realities to our people. However, Evren, this time could not distort the policy of CPT. Opinion of our party in relation with the constitution is well-known by the public opinion and this forces the junta to talk such a way. He complains that people listens "Voice of the CPT" and "Our Radio" continuously.

Evren is trying to connect broad resistance against the constitution to the influence of "external forces" It is a useless trump. Resistance takes place inside the country, Progressive politicians, trade unionists, scientists and artists who were deprived of their citizenship were thrown abroad. They are organising actions of protest. Their roots are inside the country. The junta of Evren can not take a step without taking permission from the NATO and the IMF. It is in defence of the US imperialism. The Communist Party of Turkey, on the other hand comes against the junta who tramples on national honour of the people.

Our people want job, bread, peace, freedom, national independence and a democratic constitution. First of all, doors of jails should be opened. Freedom of activities of political parties should be recognised. Activities of trade unions should be free. TRT (Turkish Radion and TV) should allow everybody to raise their voices in its broadcastings. If the junta is not afraid of people, let us see that it realises these! Let us see!

CPT calls upon all forces of democracy not to confuse with the tricks of the junta in the line of "divide and rule" and to be vigilant. Let us be as a single fist in the referendum for the constitution! Let us not give way to the constitution of the junta! CPT supports all forces who oppose this constitution and want a democratic constitution.

CPT calls upon all our citizens to say "No!" to the constitution of the junta and raise their voices that this referendum should take place in a democratic atmosphere.

September 6, 1982

Central Committee
Communist Party of Turkey

STATEMENT

Where has the junta brought our country in two years?

The junta administration continues its heavy repression on our people for two years. 45 million people, from workers to medium-level citizens, excluding a handful of tycoons and monopolists have gone and are going through the hardest and the most painful two years of their history. The reactionary military dictatorship has fallen on our country like a nightmare.

The generals of the junta did not keep any of their promises before the people. They were not able to solve any vital question which our country has faced. They brought our country on the edge of an abyss.

They said that they would stop the terror. They reigned terror themselves. Above all, they attacked on our working class. They washed their hands with the blood of hundreds of patriots and progressives. They put the most distinguished sons and daughters of our people into torture chambers and jails. They executed the blooming youngsters. They left maimed thousands of progressives. They set free the ringleaders of terrors, the chiefs of the Nationalist Action Party one after another.

They said, they would improve economy. They made it worse. They further deepened the crisis. They dropped purchasing power of workers, civil servants and peasants to the level which existed 20 years ago. They brought a situation in which banks, brokers and giant holdings swallowed whatever hundreds of thousands of citizens had possessed. They put the country under heavy debts which is not possible to get out of it for tens of years. They put State Economic Enterprises and all the public property under the mortgage of the World Bank. Whatever they extracted out of the people with the coercion of the bayonets, they put and are still putting into the service of holdings which cannot by themselves even run their own factories and banks.

They said they would bring democracy. They brought this notorious penal code as a constitution. They have turned our country into a concentration camp under the bayonets. Through this constitution, they are preparing themselves to maintain this situation in the future under a legal mask.

They said that they were following the path of Atatürk. They betrayed whatever positive remained from the legacy of Atatürk.

They said that they wanted friendship with all neighbouring countries. On the contrary, they moved closer into the wake of the US Administration. They opened our soil to new American forces. They brought our country onto the edge of being dragged into a nuclear fire, for the benefit of the Reaganites. They turned our country into a spring-board of the US Administration and NATO chiefs against the peoples of the Middle East. They are maintaining campaigns of the junta isolated our country from the peoples who defend peace and freedom in the world and from the progressive world public opinion.

They came into power making the fascist terror of the Nationalist Action Party as a pretext. Now, in order to stay in power, they are trying to make use of attacks of a handful of reactionary Armenian terrorists who are tied with imperialism and they are trying to frighten people with this.

They got rid of the previous constitution by force. Then, they set themselves to put on trial patriotic trade unionists, politicians, scientists, the defenders of peace, the young people and whoever progressive may be, with a charge "to get rid of the Constitution". Despite their anti-popular policy which tramples on our national interests, and their repression and brutality, they are afraid of anger and indignation of our people. On one hand, they are trying to secure their power, on the other hand, they continue an in-fighting among themselves for the top post. They are trying to impose this reactionary constitution for the future authoritarian "civilian" regime by reconciling with all reactionary forces. But, mounting protests have further increased their fear and worries. They are trying to frighten and pacify our people by intensifying repression, anti-communism and anti-Sovietism.

The Communist Party of Turkey as early as in the morning of September 12, 1980, said that "this junta will not be able to solve any of problems of our people." Our people, progressive forces are able to see realities better today. The junta means hunger, unemployment, terror, blood and tears. There can be no democracy as long as the junta is in power.

Now we can show the brutality and hypocrisy of the reactionary military dictatorship, the US imperialism, collaborating monopolies, landlords and the reaction to broader masses. The possibilities are getting wider now in order to support their struggle to a higher level for bread, peace and freedom.

CC of the CPT demands all party organisations inside and outside the coun-

try, all communists to work with more selflessly, more creatively and more actively without forgetting the new dangers.

The CPT now calls upon, above all, the workers, peasants, all working people, military or civilian, all patriotic people to rally their strength and to strike a heavy blow in the referendum for the constitution. It calls upon all the people from now on to heighten unity of action. The CPT has supported and will support all steps in this direction.

The invincible power to kneel down the junta, to topple it and bring the struggle for independence, peace, democracy and socialism to successes is the joint struggle and unity of our people.

September 7, 1982

Central Committee
Communist Party of Turkey

SPEECH MADE BY COMRADE İ.BILEN, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CC OF THE CPT ON "VOICE OF CPT"

Comrades, Citizens,

It is the anniversary of foundation of Communist Party of Turkey. We are celebrating such a day. CPT, in spite of all, is standing straight up. It carries out a hard struggle under very difficult conditions. Our people see better these, every day. Working class, people see our party and its Leninist policy with more confidence. Its respect and influence increases further. Evren, the head of the junta, its prosecutors and judges who were appointed by the junta, willingly or unwillingly had to recognise this.

For two years, the junta brought nothing but repression to the country. It carries out the power of collaborating monopolist bourgeoisie and the reaction through its heavy military dictatorship. Junta administration bases itself onto expansionist US imperialism and NATO outside the country and onto the reactionary forces in the country. This support goes in line with each other.

Developments follow a dialectical process. Monopolisation and militarisation are in coercion. Militarist coups following each other in recent years explains this clearly. Militarism entered in political and social life of Turkey with boots and the support the USA and NATO.

Militarism is the product of capitalism of present age. Militarism is the military force of capitalist state. And it is the use of this force inside and outside. Outside, in the conflicts between other countries and inside, for suppressing of economic and political, all kinds of uprisings of the proletariat and working people.

In Turkey, militarism is such an instrument and weapon in the hands of collaborating monopolist groups and financial circles. Main characteristics of militarism in Turkey is its dependence on NATO and slavishing bilateral treaties and expansionist US imperialism. Today this is the most dreadful and ruining side of militarism and of the junta for our people and for our motherland.

Expansionist American circles, Reaganites, Weinberger, CIA all go onto Turkey more and more. This is seen in all spheres. They are enlarging aggressive bases, spying services and listening stations. Chiefs of NATO are going around in Turkey, in groups. They are preparing places for Rapid Deployment Forces.

They are visiting provinces on Soviet borders. And there, new NATO manoeuvres are being planned. The heads of the USA are making plans for nuclear attacks directed to the Soviet Union.

According to the plans of Reagan for nuclear attacks, soils of Anatolia is to be buffer in order to cut the shock force and the speed of opposite side. More openly, Turkey will carry the burden of nuclear attacks. The USA Administration who wants to be the head of the world. These circles who make nuclear blackmail, in contrary to their hopes, will not be able to rescue themselves from these flames of evil. The junta however, who intend to make our country a trampling board for Reaganites will bury 45 million people in the flames of nuclear war.

Anti-Sovietism which is increasingly fanned by the USA Administration, NATO chiefs, its collaborators and the junta administration, this blind enmity against the Soviet Union is connected to these plans. The junta government on the other hand, kept silence against barbarism of Zionists of Israel, which is very close to Turkey. It followed a hypocritical policy towards Arabs. It supports the plans of deploying medium-ranged new missiles in mid-Europe by the USA.

Dear Listeners, Citizens,

The most burning question of today which interests the humanity very closely is the question of war or peace. The world, our region lives in fearful days with worries. Policy of increasing tensions and conflicts of the USA Administration is responsible for this. They are playing with nuclear weapons. They are following a policy in order to drag Turkey into this death play through the junta.

The question of war or peace however is not asked to imperialists and Reagan for a long time. There is a force who consistently defends peace. The Soviet Union and the socialist community are the main factor in this arena. The world communist and workers movement, struggle of peoples for liberation and independence, massive peace movement raising in all continents, all are concrete forces against the policy of imperialism which provokes for war.

The Communist Party of Turkey from the very beginning, for 62 years defended the Leninist peace policy of the Soviet Union consistently. It waged a struggle for good neighbourhood and friendly relations with the Soviet Union. And it will continue to struggle along this way. We oppose anti-Soviet utterings and anti-sovietism. We shall oppose it also in future. To do this is patriotism. Soviet Union has been a true friend of our people in their hard days. We have a saying: An old friend can not be an enemy. The Soviet Union has never looked upon our people with malicious eyes. Because the CPT defends this fraternity, the junta and all reactionaries direct their attacks towards us. This further rectifies that the CPT is on the right track and friendship with the Soviet Union is for the interests of our people.

Dear Comrades and Citizens,

The junta came into power, but it could not solve any of the problems which our country and our people faces. It does not want to solve it. Even announced this on the first day: "Our aim is to keep the regime." The regime which the junta tries to keep up with the help of bayonets, is a decaying regime, regime of a painful exploitation which could not be saved from collapse. This regime struggles desperately in the spiral of crisis. One of the sources of continuous crisis is militarism. Main part of national income, lion's share of the

budget goes to military expenditures, to this bottomless well.

People, massively is in hunger. Unemployment rapidly increases. Peasants are shedding tears of blood. Broad middle strata are being bankrupted, in rural and urban regions. Foreign debts have reached over 26.000 million dollars. All these are the results of this regime, of the anti-popular policy of collaborating monopolist bourgeoisie, land lords and their hammer, the junta.

The Communist Party of Turkey has started a struggle against this. It calls upon masses, the people and all patriotic forces to unite for actions and for a front, to join this struggle. CPT calls upon all national forces to unite in order to defend peace. The junta tries to prevent establishment of such a national democratic front by increasing its repression. That was the main aim of Evren's speech in Afyon.

CPT gives support to the struggles of all progressive, democratic, patriotic forces, organisations, parties and persons. Leaders of the Peace Committee, trade unionists, leaders of DISK, young people, women who were arrested and subjected to barbarous tortures, brutality, all are defending peace, bread of our people and freedom in the trials. CPT supports with all its strength those who are the honour of our people. Before the world public opinion and before our people, once more it is proved that the CPT defends the interests of broad working people, and our national interests. The behaviour of those who are being tried in CPT trial, their non-submitting attitude is another proof of it.

Brothers,

All contradictions which I have talked about from the beginning became more apparent with a resistance which broke out against the constitution that the junta now wants to impose. Broad forces are opposing this constitution. The junta has no reserves at his hands, except cheating and blackmailing. However, every other day passed shows that our people does not submit to these frightening tricks. The number and the content of those who resist in order to give no way to the constitution of the junta further broadens.

The Communist Party of Turkey, all its organisations, all communists will work hard in order to develop this campaign of general resistance and use all their efforts.

Congratulations to all of you on the 62. anniversary of foundation of the Communist Party of Turkey.

September 10, 1982

from party organs

TIRELESS COMMUNIST

Hüseyin Alev (Member of PB of the CC of the CPT)

Comrade Bilen is 80 years old. We, the communists of new generation who joined the ranks of the party after 1973, got the opportunity to know him. Of course, we heard lot about activities of Comrade Bilen in the party ranks almost since the foundation of the party. Over half a century of development process which is full of many barriers of class struggle, leaps forward and backward

moves, with examples of heroism and renegacy, the party always existed and Comrade Bilen has never deviated from a course which is due to a communist leadership. Merging of patriotism with internationalism, loyalty to Marxism-Leninism was the determining line of his long life. That was so, but we are especially lucky because we got to know him in the latest period of our recent history which is full of rich experiences. As compared with the grey background of historical documents, the days which have been lived through are incomparably vivid.

The year of 1973 is a turning point in the history of our party. It was a leap forward. A principle which is valid for every organised, conscious action is also valid for the period of leap forward of our party. Leap in party building, especially under illegal conditions will contain many spontaneous elements. It is very difficult to avoid from this. This is an undesirable thing. This is even more valid to prevent spontaneity in organising the conscious, vanguard contingent of the working class. Therefore, it is difficult to take the risk of such a leap. One should be steadfastly ready to face the results of such unexpected developments and failures which is difficult to foresee. Ten years of experience has proved this truth. Organisers of 1973 leap could not get the opportunity for the completion of ideological preparations, careful selection of the cadres, determining the forms of organisation in detail, in short, to take each necessary step for the unity and discipline and fighting capability of the party. Everything should have been learned amid the class struggles and so it happened. The party would stand up in this way and at the same time, all weaknesses of this leap would come up before the party at every sharp turning point. The period we lived through, corroborates this.

We have never said that we have done everything in the best way. Nevertheless, we knew how a heavy responsibility has been taken over with the decisions for the 1973 leap. This decision paved the way for the party to establish itself inside the class struggles in an unrefutable manner. The honour of this historical task, above all, is due to Comrade Bilen.

Ten years ago, the question of channelling those groups which were separate from each other and inspired from Marxism-Leninism and which appeared under the conditions brought by 12 March 1971 coup, into the communist movement was facing our party. Comrade Bilen is the person who grasped this with a supreme intuition gained as a result of a lengthy organising experience and achieved this task. Our monthly organ *Atılım*, which was set up by him, has put an end to this disorder, in a short time. This Leninist paper has played a special role in organising the cadres, who came through the revolutionary experiences of 12 March 1971 period, into the party ranks, this path was not an unpaved path. It was a path drawn in 1900 by Lenin and tested along the way. Nevertheless, in order to walk along such a path, one should be a Leninist.

The task was a complicated one. It was a complicated task to weld together these cadres who came from different organisations, accustomed to different forms and style of work and of course, who could not get rid of relics of petty-bourgeois ideology in a day. All of us were working on our own way and could not have the opportunity to get acquainted with a comrade, belonging to the party, the type of a communist apart from ourselves. We almost thought that the friendship among our previous narrow circles although consolidated by many inspiring memories, as being party comradeship. This was creating a situation which produces difficulties in grasping the relationship among the party organs,

of understanding communist discipline and professional style of work. We do not want to underestimate the friends-in-struggle of old groups. However, if this would be a factor which paralyses the mechanism of criticism and self-criticism conceals the mistakes and evades the problems, of course, such a conception should be knocked down and in its stead the principled character, both militant revolutionary and steel-like hardness of communist relations should become a dominant one.

Comrade Bilen dealt with this question in our party conference in 1977. Moreover, he especially emphasised the danger. Unless the cadres do not leave artisan-like style of work, characteristic of old circles period, this will create the objective basis of factionalism inside the party. All activities and organisational structures therefore, should be reconsidered on the basis under the motto of "An end to Artisanism". Comrade Bilen connected this motto organically with the task of improving the composition of the party membership. It was continuously necessary to increase the numerical strength of the workers in the composition of the membership. The slogan of "Factories are our Fortresses" occupied an important place in the decisions of the conference. This decision has been put into practice creatively above all, by activities of the basic party units at every new stage.

When we evaluate the past from the hindsight of the present, we see more clearly how we made a step by step progress in solving some complicated questions which were characteristics of 1973 leap period. The writer of these lines, as many of our comrades, many times witnessed the steadfast stand of Comrade Bilen before extremely difficult problems which our party faced.

Developments in the post-conference period are alive in memories. First, petty-bourgeois elements inside the party rebelled against the strike blown on old factional remnants. These persons who misused the trust of the party involved in a desperate adventure to destroy the party in a period in which repression and terror got intensified. Those were Yürükoğlu-type careerist, factionalist persons. At every turning point, his ilk could not avoid themselves taking a stand against the working class with all their bare faces. The unhesitating stand of Comrade Bilen had been a rallying point for us as young communists who had no knowledge on the question of ideological struggle inside the party up to then. Comrade Bilen who trusted fighting cadres and taking the risk of testing them in the ranks of the party this time was at the head of the task to organise the strong nucleus of the party and it was him who carried out the process of clearing the unreliable persons from the party ranks with Bolshevik steadfastness.

The party today is marching ahead with the working class in struggle to realise the supreme ideals of humanity under the heavy onslaught of the reactionary military dictatorship. His main support as he said 'to the masses', are the party cadres who advance consistently on the line drawn by Comrade Bilen. Characteristics of these cadres is welding together of 60 years of experiences and knowledge of class struggle of the 80 years old tireless communist and the qualities of boldness, braveness and self-sacrifice of the new generation communists if we were not panicked on the face of onslaught of the junta, we owe this to the determined and calm stand of Comrade Bilen and the Central Committee.

We wish long and successful fighting years to Comrade Bilen, the teacher of worker and intellectual communists.

He has relied and relies on the youth and the fighting cadres. It is our duty to match this trust and honesty at every new step and to be ready in the test of loyalty to the Party, to Marxism-Leninism, and to the working class.

Atılım, October 1, 1982

information

SITUATION IN TURKEY ON THE EVE OF REFERENDUM

*** The trial of Peace Committee leaders continued on September 7, with cross-examination of M.Dikerdem. In his defence, he stated: "In period of a time, NATO entered in a state of aggression which endangers peace in the region and in the world... That is why are against NATO."

In the trial which took place on September 14, Reha İsvan, wife of the former Mayor of Istanbul, Ahmet İsvan who is being tried in DİSK trial was cross-examined. She said: Peace is the question of everybody. Above all, I am a woman. It is impossible for me to be isolated from peace. And, being a human being, instinctly, I want to live. Women produce the human race. But wars annihilate humanity. That is why women are important elements of peace movement. I consider it as my duty to take part in the peace movement as a human being and as a women The world peace movement is objective. It is not directed to this or that opinion, state or person... It is not a crime but a duty to take part in the peace movement. It is a duty of every human-being..."

In the following trial, cross-examination of Orhan Apaydın, the Chairman of the Istanbul Bar Association started. O. Apaydın said: On my part and also on behalf of the Bar Association of Istanbul, I have the honour of being participated in organisation of peace movement in Turkey.

Peace Committee trial will continue with cross-examination of other leaders.

*** In DİSK trial, cross-examination of leaders of the confederation, Celal Küçük and Kemal Nebioğlu have completed.

***The junta administration carries out its repression and terror on Kurdish people in eastern provinces. It applies heavy repression and torture onto patriots in prisons of these provinces. According to Frankfurter Rundschau dated September 17, 1982, 5 prisoners out of 45 who started hunger strike at the beginning of September, in order to protest tortures in jails have died. Cemil

Tanriverdi, a doctor who exposed anti-human tortures in Diyarbakır jail has been killed in the police headquarters.

International Association of Lawyers sent a lawyer to Turkey in order to examine conditions in Diyarbakır prisons. The lawyer's report says: Prisoners in Diyarbakır prison are in very difficult conditions, under torture and repression. All cross-examinations takes place under torture. Prisoners are brought to the court in cage-like buses. Their testimonies are forced to be signed by them under torture. They are being kept in prison because of some crimes which they have not committed.

Turkish and Kurdish workers abroad have also protested repressive measures and tortures in Diyarbakır prisons, by various actions. They have organised many demonstrations. In Bern, group of 30 people organised a press conference in front of the "United Press International" news agency and exposed brutality and tortures to the public opinion.

In Vienna, a group of people gathered in front of the Amnesty International building and protested murders in prisons, demanded that Amnesty International should organise a fact-finding trip to Turkey.

In Paris, a group of 50, among them were Turkish and Kurdish young people also organised a press conference in front of the Amnesty International building. They presented many documents as the proof of tortures and murders in jails of the junta.

*** Yalçın Küçük, a lecturer has been tried with the charge of making communist propaganda in his book titled 'For a New Republic'.

*** Legal proceedings has started against founders and leaders of Union of Writers in Turkey. (TYS). Its leaders, a well-known writer Yaşar Kemal, a poet Atol Behramoğlu and Adnan Özyalçın have been cross-examined. Military prosecutor have demanded 1-6 years of imprisonment for well-known writers and poets,

*** It was stated by the authorities that 14 more people who are mostly trade unionists would be deprived of their citizenship. Among them are: Kemal Daysal (Executive Committee member of DİSK), Mehmet Karaca (Chairman of Maden-İş), Turhan Ata (one of the leaders of Bank-Sen) Murat Tokmak (member of Executive Committee of Maden-İş), Aydın Yeşilyurt (Regional representative of DİSK), Bahtiyar Erkul (Deputy chairman of Maden-İş), Turhan Ata (one of DİSK leaders) and other trade unionists Zeki Adsız, Ayhan Dümen, Şemsettin Hüseyin, Taner Salih Serin, Hasan Cangöz and a lawyer, Kemal Burkey.

*** Legal proceedings has started against 19 trade unionists who are members of Research Bureau of DİSK, in İstanbul. Death penalties for 10 of them have been demanded in accordance with number 146/1 provision of the Turkish Penal Code. Among whom the death penalties have been demanded are: A. Yıldız, Chairman of "Peoples Houses" (Halkevleri) and a senate member, ex-Chairman of Union of Architects and Engineers Chamber of Turkey, Teoman Öztürk. For other trade unionists, 5-15 years of imprisonments have been demanded.

*** Well-known poet and writer Arif Damar has been sentenced to 3 months of imprisonment for keeping some banned publications in his house.

MILITARY CUNTA FACES STRONG PROTEST ALSO OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY

Allongside repression, terror and brutality, death penalties, tortures in prisons and false trials, repressive draft constitution of the junta has faced a broad opposition against it in the country, an opposition from the working class to civil servants, writers, journalists, middle strata, with various political opinions, consisting various classes and forces. While this opposition against the draft constitution broadens in the country, and the cunta goes in to isolation from the working people, outside the country, progressive democratic public opinion protests the anti-democratic applications, repression and terror the draft constitution of the cunta administration which is anti-democratic and repressive in character and defends the interests of collaborating and monopolist bourgeoisie and the land lords only, and they express their solidarity with democratic forces of Turkey.

Political Commission of European Council in its extraordinary meeting in September discussed the situation in Turkey and prepared a draft resolution. In the resolution, it was demanded that before the referendum, ban on freedom of expression should be lifted and referendum should take place under democratic conditions. In addition, European Council decided to employ a commission consisting of lawyers from Federal Germany, and Denmark. This commission, after its work, came up with the result that "It was impossible for Turkey to return democracy under prevailing conditions" One of the members of the commission, Gemelfort Hansen, from Denmark, professor of Law, in his report which he presented to the Council told about anti-democratic content of the draft constitution and underlined that specially freedom of expression and in general all basic rights and freedoms were seriously limited in the draft constitution.

Progressive public opinion in England also protested repressive regime of the junta administration in Turkey. At the beginning of September, while the British Trade Union Confederation (TUC) condemned repressive regime of the junta in Turkey, Kemal Daysal, member of Executive Committee of DİSK, Abdullah Yılmaz and Ertan Uyar from Maden-İş, Cahit Baylav from Bank-Sen and Nafiz Bostancı from Genel-İş were also guests in the congress. They gave speeches and explained the anti-democratic, repressive character of the draft constitution of the junta administration.

In the Annual Congress of the British Labour Party, MPs and trade union representatives also condemned the military junta in Turkey. They have organised a solidarity meeting. In that meeting S. Newens, an MP from Labour Party said: "If applications of military cunta in Turkey do not receive opposition, the junta will continue its repression". He also stated that it was impossible to return democracy with this draft constitution. Chairman of Union of Firemen in Britain also made a speech and pointed out that they were terrified with trial of 52 DİSK leaders with demand of death sentences and he stated that in Turkey being in defence of peace, to stand against fascism and to be a member of any class organisation constitutes a heavy crime. Member of European Parliament, A. Thomas in his speech stated that torture became common in Turkey and he drew attention to the trial of Peace Committee members. Alan Sapper also condemned repression and terror of military dictatorship.

In France, Committee for solidarity with Turkey has published a booklet,

titled "Trade Union Rights and Freedoms in Draft Constitution". The booklet gives detailed information about provisions of the draft constitution in relation with trade union rights and states that this constitution introduces lock-out as an constitutional right and right to strike is limited to such extent that it is almost non-existent.

Heinz Oscar Fetter member of Federal German Social Democratic Party in European Parliament and Social Democratic party of Sweden and member of Political Commission of European Council Anita Grabin made statements and pointed out the repressive character of the draft constitution.

International Confederation of Free Trade Unions has made a statement in connection with situation in Turkey at the end of second year of the junta administration in which it stresses that new draft constitution was far from securing basic human rights and freedoms in the country and demanded that repressive measures on trade unionists and trade union activities should be ended.

Turkish and Kurdish workers abroad have also protested the draft constitution through joint actions, organised by democratic organisations of workers, members of Workers' Party of Turkey and other Kurdish organisations. As compared by previous actions much more people participated in these demonstrations and actions of protest. People with different political views raised their voices together. They raised the slogan "No to the pro-September 12 constitution". These demonstrations were also important steps along the united action of democratic forces outside the country.

