



**RESOLUTION
ON THE SITUATION OF THE JUDICIARY IN TURKEY**

At its meeting in Gdansk on May 16th, 2015, the European Association of Judges (EAJ) considered the arrest and detention of two judges, namely Metin Özcelik and Mustafa Basar on April 30th in Istanbul, Turkey.

The arrest and detention proceeded on the purported ground that the judges had ordered the release of an alleged suspect.

Any attempt to undermine the freedom of a judge to establish facts and apply the law in a particular case constitutes a clear breach of principle of judicial independence.

EAJ condemns the arrest and detention of any judge on the basis of a decision taken in the exercise of the judge's judicial functions and calls for the immediate release of the judges Metin Özcelik and Mustafa Baser.

Gdansk, May 16th, 2015