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Letter of Condolences

On behalf of the Swedish Bar Association, I would like to convey my deepest condolences on the terrible shooting on Saturday 28 November 2015 in Diyarbakir of the President of your Bar, Mr. Tahir Elçi.

We have all been shocked and saddened by the meaningless death of President Tahir Elçi and we feel deeply for his family, friends and colleagues.

That a president of a bar association is murdered in cold blood in an open street during a peaceful demonstration for human rights and halt of the political violence in Turkey of the Kurdish population, is totally unacceptable in any state claiming to be democratic and governed by the rule of law.

Every Bar Association and every lawyer should stand up for democratic values of freedom and openness, human rights and the rule of law in the same passionate way as Mr. Tahir Elçi did. That this endeavor became his death is nothing but tragic.

Yours sincerely,

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