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Message in Solidarity with the Turkish people following the brutal attack on peace demonstration

The International Federation of Social Workers, European Region sincerely regrets the brutal attack that occurred in Ankara, Turkey on the 10th October, during the demonstration of peace and expresses solidarity to people in Turkey in this moment of great pain and grief.

This terrifying and senseless bomb attack left more than 100 people dead and hundreds injured and we wish to express sympathy to all those who are now recovering from the trauma of having witnessed friends and colleagues being killed whilst engaging in a peaceful demonstration for a better world.

As Social Workers we condemn all types of violence and stand shoulder to shoulder with people struggling for a better life and peaceful future where everybody's rights are respected and policies are inclusive.

We send our deepest condolences to the families and friends of all those who have fallen victim to this terrible tragedy for the Turkish nation.

Our thoughts are also with our social work colleagues in Turkey who are making every effort to support people in grief during this very difficult time of instability and post trauma.

In Solidarity,

IFSW Europe Executive Committee

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