

Press Release

The Socialist Group at the Council of Europe supports CHP members manifestation in Taksim Square and calls for the respect of human rights and democratic life

Constantly following the developments in Turkey, the Socialist Group in the Council of Europe through its President, Michele Nicoletti, expresses its full solidarity to the CHP members for their manifestation next Sunday for the respect of democracy and human rights : “As Socialist Group in the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, we feel close to our friends and comrades of the CHP who will, next Sunday, reunite in a manifestation in Taksim Square to support democracy and to all the Turkish citizens that fight for the respect of human rights and reject violence.

We strongly condemn every attempt to undermine with arms the democratic life of the Turkish people, the institutions, its government democratically elected. We are convinced that the way to beat violence and terrorism cannot be based on a lesser respect of human rights but at the contrary in a larger respect of them. That’s why we think it is unacceptable the suspension of the immunity for the members of the Parliament, inhuman treatments of prisoners, the massive purge in universities and schools. We are worried for the suspension of the ECHR and we consider the reintroduction of death penalty absolutely incompatible with the membership to the Council of Europe. Turkey ratified the 13 protocol that abolish the death penalty in all circumstances.

We believe that the majority of Turkish citizens want to fight for democracy and the human rights respect and that in this fight women and men of the CHP can give their fundamental contribute. In this difficult moment, we feel close to them for a peaceful Turkey, free and just”.