

DRAFT EMERGENCY RESOLUTION No. 4) MR LAMI OZGEN (TURKEY)

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PSI RECOGNISES that Mr Lami Özgen, who served as the Co-President of our national confederation KESK from 2011 to 2017, had to leave Turkey after being sentenced to imprisonment for his trade union activities. The court decision violates fundamental rights and freedoms that are under the protection of international conventions.

DECLARES that this sentence against him aims to criminalise Mr Lami Özgen and all other trade union members who struggle for labour rights and democracy.

ACKNOWLEDGES that Mr Lami Özgen is now in exile in Switzerland. He has health problems and faces many difficulties.

In the light of these facts,

PSI EXPRESSES SOLIDARITY to Mr Lami Özgen and will ask the Secretariat to provide further assistance to him in line with PSI Executive Board guidance.

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