



# POLISH CHAMBER OF PHYSICIANS AND DENTISTS

## *SUPREME MEDICAL COUNCIL*

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On behalf of the Polish Chamber of Physicians and Dentists – the organization associating and representing all medical doctors and dentists in Poland – the Board of the Supreme Medical Council expresses strong support for and solidarity with the colleagues from the Turkish Medical Association who are facing unprecedented repression from the state authorities for their anti-war attitude expressed publicly on 24 January 2018 in a declaration entitled “War is a Matter of Public Health”.

We learned with an utmost disbelief of the developments taking place in Turkey involving the leading officials of the Turkish Medical Association – a respected professional organization duly representing the medical profession in its country – which include the detainment of the members of the Association’s council and search operations in their workplaces.

These kind of actions against medical professionals who opposed military actions which inevitably bring humanitarian tragedy and cause irreparable physical, psychological, social and environmental damages are unacceptable.

On behalf of the Polish physicians and dentists we join the international medical organizations in condemning the arrests and the threats of physical violence and we call upon the Turkish authorities to immediately stop these repressions which are infringing the basic rights: to health, freedom of association and expression.

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