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Dear Minister Donner,
I beseech you not to return Nuriye Kesbir to Turkey, where she would very likely face imprisonment and torture.

I acknowledge there has been due process of law but feel that the decision of the court is flawed. In that the court ignored Nuriye Kesbir's fears of torture and that she will never get a fair trial in Turkey. Given Turkey's continuing poor record on Human Rights, her fears are well grounded and in such circumstances her deportation would mean flouting international human rights law.

Her fate is now in your hands.

Before taking your final decision, please be aware of the fact that the legal reforms adopted by Turkey within the framework of the European Union accession package have not yet made any substantial material difference to the treatment of Kurdish activists.

Women in particular continue to be vulnerable to torture and inhuman treatment inside Turkish prisons as is well documented by human rights observers inside the country. Indeed, hardly a day goes by without news of another case of human rights abuses coming to light.

I appeal to you dear Minister to act to stop this deportation.

Nuriye Kesbir should not be sent back to Turkey. She should be permitted to stay in The Netherlands where she has resided since September 2001 and her claim for political asylum should be granted.

Please allow Nuriye, to remain in the Netherlands,

Yours sincerely,

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