

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you in my capacity as the Chairman of the Human Rights and Equality Institution of Türkiye which was established on 20.04.2016 to function as national human rights institution, national preventive mechanism, and equality institution.

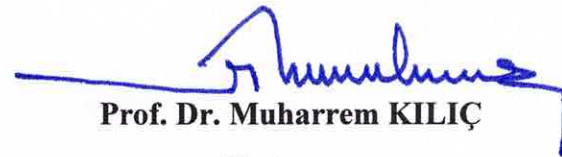
On 23.05.2025, Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni and Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen released a letter to the press regarding the revision of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) and giving more power to governments. This letter has been signed by 9 European Union (EU) Member States.

This letter, criticizing the decisions of the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) could cause ECtHR to become politicized and compromise its independence. Protection of ECtHR's independence and impartiality is of great importance for all Member States of the Council of Europe and their citizens.

As stated by Secretary General of the Council of Europe Alain Berset, ECHR ensures that liberty and security, justice and responsibility, are held in balance. This letter signed by 9 EU Member States damages the independence of judiciary and compromises the fundamental principles of human rights regarding the protection of refugee rights.

Our Institution, whose main mission is to protect and promote human rights and to monitor international developments in the field of human rights within the framework of the basic norms set forth by international human rights law and standards, condemns this letter signed by 9 EU Member States and calls peer national human right institutions active in these countries to take action.

Respectfully yours,



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