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Minister of Justice
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Şebnem Korur Fincancı

Dear Minister,

I urge you to ensure that forensic doctor Şebnem Korur Fincancı is no longer harassed and prosecuted just because she stands up for human rights

After calling for an investigation into allegations of the Turkish military's use of chemical weapons in Iraq, Şebnem Korur Fincancı was found guilty of 'propaganda for a terrorist organisation' in January 2023. She is now facing almost two years in prison if the verdict is upheld on appeal.

The forensic expert has been subjected to unfounded criminal investigations, detention and prosecution for years in an attempt to silence her and prevent her from doing her important work. The call to protect human rights must never be criminalised.

Yours sincerely,