Mr Gökhan Karaköse

Ankara Chief Public Prosecutor

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Dear Mr. Gökhan Karaköse,

I am writing from England. I want to express my deep concern over the arbitrary detention of human rights defender **Enes Hocaoğulları**. He has been held in pre-trial detentionsince 5 August, following his arrest at Ankara Esenboğa Airport upon returning to Türkiye.

**Enes Hocaoğulları** participated in a Council of Europe conference as a youth delegate from Türkiye. There, he delivered a short speech highlighting human rights violations that occurred during the mass protests following the detention of the Mayor of Istanbul on 19 March. Human rights organisations, including Amnesty International, have documented serious violations during these protests, including excessive use of force by police, unlawful use of less lethal weapons against peaceful protesters, and threats of sexual violence in custody.

The comments contained in **Enes Hocaoğulları**’s speech are protected under Türkiye’s domestic laws, as well as the international human rights law and standards codified in treaties to which Türkiye is a party. Furthermore, Türkiye has an obligation to protect human rights defenders from arbitrary and abusive investigations, prosecutions and detention.

**I urge you to ensure that Enes Hocaoğulları is released immediately and unconditionally.**

Yours sincerely,