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Dear Minister,

I am concerned to learn that the LGBT rights association, Black Pink Triangle Association based in İzmir, is being taken to court.

Amnesty International opposes the closure case against Black Pink Triangle, which forms part of a pattern of judicial harassment targeting LGBT associations. The closure of Black Pink Triangle on such grounds would violate the right of all persons to freedom of association and expression and non-discrimination and runs contrary to Turkey's obligations under international human rights law and the European Convention on Human Rights.

With this letter I would like to, politely, remind you of your duty to ensure the respect and protection of the rights of all persons to freedom of association, without discrimination, including on grounds of sexual orientation or gender identity.

I therefore urge you to ensure that notions of public order, public morality, public health and public security are not enforced in such a way as to restrict any exercise of the rights to peaceful association solely on the basis that the association affirms diverse sexual orientations or gender identities.

I request you to support a comprehensive non-discrimination law which includes specific protections against unequal treatment based on sexual orientation or gender identity in all areas of life. I ask you to remind the provincial governorships and their association directorates of their obligation to respect and protect the rights of all persons to freedom of association, without discrimination, including on grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity, and to take all necessary measures to eliminate all forms of discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity.

Yours faithfully