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Dear Mr. Demirtas, dear Ms. Yüksekdağ,

Thank you very much for your letter that Mr. Doru kindly handed over to me on your behalf.

I learned with concern of the recent developments in Turkey aiming to lift the parliamentary immunity of several Members of the Turkish Grand National Assembly.

Lifting parliamentary immunity is not the way to deal with the problems at stake. The Turkish government should work with all moderate forces in parliament to achieve peace.

Let me take this opportunity to call on the government and all the Members of the Turkish Grand National Assembly to take every possible measure to de-escalate the situation in the South East of the country. Both sides should go back to the negotiating table. Dialogue is the only way to achieve a peaceful solution to the situation in the South East of Turkey.

Yours sincerely,

Elmar Brok