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Réponse des autorités (11/05/2023) suite à une communication d'une ONG (Media and Law Studies Association (MLSA)) (14/04/2023) dans l'affaire Selahattin Demirtas c. Turquie (n° 2) (requête n° 14305/17) *[anglais uniquement]*

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THE GOVERNMENT OF TÜRKİYE'S SUBMISSION IN RESPONSE TO THE RULE 9.2 SUBMISSION

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SERVICE DE L'EXECUTION DES ARRETS DE LA CEDH

Demirtas v. Türkiye (no. 14305/17)

- 1. The Government of Türkiye would like to make the following explanations in response to the submission of the Media and Law Studies Association (*Medya ve Hukuk Çalışmaları Derneği*) dated 14 April 2023 with respect to the case of *Demirtaş v. Türkiye* (no. 14305/17).
- 2. The Government has lastly submitted detailed and updated information as to the legal grounds for the applicant's current detention to the Committee of Ministers on 6 April 2023. The Government would like to reiterate the information provided therein.
- 3. The authorities would like to add that the last hearing in the applicant' case was held on 14 April 2023. The Assize Court reviewed the applicant's detention in this hearing and decided his continued detention. Further, it has been decided that the applicant's detention will be examined with holding a hearing on 10 May 2023 and 7 June 2023 and the next hearing will be held on 3 July 2023. Lastly, the public prosecutor submitted his final opinion on the merits and the trial court decided that the final statements of the defendants will be taken by holding continuous hearings as of 3 July 2023.
- 4. As concerns the other claims raised in the NGO submission, the authorities would like note that these allegations fall outside of the scope of the Court's judgment and that they are of speculative nature. The authorities therefore find it unnecessary to comment on these claims. Nevertheless, the authorities should note that the applicant can freely use his legal rights during his detention like others without any discrimination. To this end, in particular, his lawyer and family members can pay visits to the applicant in line with the relevant legal provisions.

CONCLUSION

5. The Government of Türkiye kindly invites the Committee of Ministers to take into consideration the above-mentioned explanations within the scope of the execution of the *Demirtaş* case.