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**BUREAU OF THE CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL
OF EUROPEAN PROSECUTORS (CCPE-BU)**

Statement

The Bureau of the Consultative Council of European Prosecutors (CCPE) has closely followed the dramatic events that occurred in Turkey recently.

A democratically elected authority cannot be reversed by a military coup. It has been reported, however, that following these events, hundreds of prosecutors were immediately imprisoned. This massive purge of prosecutors is far from the expected democratic attitude of a member state of the Council of Europe.

Proceedings against individuals, including prosecutors, who are suspected of involvement in the attempted coup, must comply strictly with the rule of law, always be respectful of individual fundamental rights in accordance with the European Convention on Human Rights and strictly accord with all relevant legal procedures affecting them.

The Bureau of the CCPE calls on the Turkish political authorities to respect the rule of law in all circumstances as well as the Turkish prosecutors.