



Invitation

8th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON EU, TURKEY AND THE KURDS

“The Quest for Democracy in Turkey – Universal Rights and Kurdish Self-Determination and the Struggles over the New Constitution”

European Parliament, Brussels

7 - 8 December 2011 – Room ASP 1G2 - Interpretation available in English, Turkish, French,
German, Dutch, Italian, Danish, Spanish

Dear Sir/Madam,

For seven years the Rafto Foundation (Norway), Kurdish Human Rights Project (UK), medico international (Germany) and Bar Human Rights Committee of England and Wales have organised international conferences in the EU Parliament, Brussels. These conferences have brought together Turks, Kurds and Europeans; politicians, MEP's representing most of the groups in the EU Parliament, NGO's, academics, writers, legal experts and journalists. In each conference a final resolution has been passed.

The first conference led to the establishment of the EU Turkey Civic Commission (EUTCC) whose objectives are to promote human rights for all citizens in Turkey, respect and protection of minorities and a peaceful, democratic and durable solution to the Kurdish question. The EUTCC is an independent non-profit organisation licensed under Belgian law.

The 8th International Conference on EU Turkey and the Kurds – *The Quest for Democracy in Turkey – Universal Rights and Kurdish Self-Determination and the Struggles over the New Constitution*, will take place in the EU Parliament December 7-8, 2011. We hereby cordially invite you to attend the conference. We would be honoured if you accept our invitation.

There is no conference fee but due to limited funding the EUTCC unfortunately cannot pay for either accommodation in Brussels or the cost of your travel.

We hope you accept our invitation and look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible. Please send us your flight schedule and we will try to arrange transportation from the airport. Let us also know if you book your own hotel or if you want us to book a room for you.

Please note that in order to enter the European Parliament, details about your full name, your date of birth, address of residence and number of a valid document is required. Please include this information in your response to this invitation.

Respectfully yours

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Attachments:

1. Draft program
2. Info note, EUTCC
3. Final Resolution, 2010