



City of Cambridge

14.

IN CITY COUNCIL

COUNCILLOR D. SULLIVAN

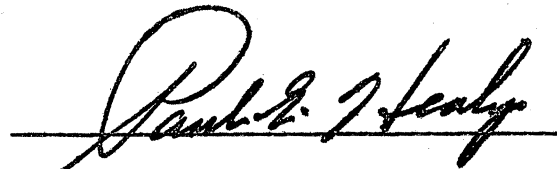
December 16, 1985

- WHEREAS: This City Council has, on several occasions in the past, expressed its deep concern about the imprisonment of Reha Isvan and other members of the Turkish Peace Association, for "membership is an illegal organization"; and
- WHEREAS: Amnesty International, by the attached "urgent action" alert, has advised that final action on these cases is expected on December 19; and
- WHEREAS: This City Council again wishes to call respectfully to the attention of Turkish authorities the provisions of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights guaranteeing freedom of speech and of association; therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the City Council of Cambridge, Massachusetts, U.S.A. urge immediate unconditional release of Reha Isvan and other Turkish Peace Association members, adopted by Amnesty International as prisoners of conscience, and believed to be held in violation of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk immediately transmit the text of this resolution by telegram or telex to President Evren and Prime Minister Ozal, Ankara, Turkey, and to the Ambassador of Turkey to the United States.

In City Council December 16, 1985.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of 8 members.
Attest:- Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

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Amnesty International has received reports that the final decision by the Plenary of the Military Courts of Appeal on the case of the twelve prisoners named above is scheduled for 19 December 1985.

The twelve, all members of the Turkish Peace Association (TPA), were sentenced to eight years' imprisonment in November 1983 and are still in prison. In August 1984 the Military Court of Appeal referred the case back to the court of the first instance for further investigation, on the grounds of procedural flaws. In November 1984 the court of the first instance upheld its original verdict and the case then went to the Plenary of the Military Courts of Appeal.

Amnesty International considers all twelve defendants to be prisoners of conscience, detained solely on the basis of their non-violent beliefs and activities.

In addition, the following members of the TPA who were released in November 1984, pending the final decision of the Plenary of the Military Courts of Appeal, may be sent back to prison when the decision is announced: Mahmut Dikerdem, Orhan Apaydin, Ismail Hakki Öztörün, Niyazi Dalyanci and Melih Tümer. Mahmut Dikerdem was sentenced to eight years' imprisonment, the other four to five years' imprisonment.

They were all convicted under Article 141 of the Turkish Penal Code of membership of an illegal organization. Although the Turkish Peace Association was a legal organization until the military coup of 1980 - when nearly all organizations were banned - the prosecution maintained that its members' activities turned it into an organization banned under Article 141.

Further recommended action:

- urging the immediate and unconditional release of all imprisoned members of the Turkish Peace Association on the grounds that they are prisoners of conscience

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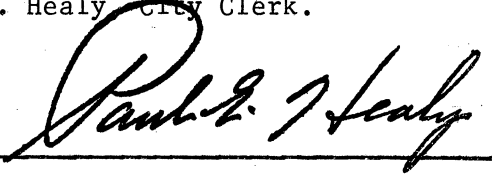
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In City Council,

December 16, 1985

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