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Human Rights Committee
Cambridge City Council
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Dear Members of the Human Rights Committee,

I wanted to update you about the status of Ms. Reha Isvan, the Turkish Prisoner of Conscience adopted by Amnesty International and the City Council's Human Rights Committee. Though a final decision on an appeal was due to be heard last summer, the Plenary of the Military Courts of Appeal in Ankara ruled only last December that the Turkish Peace Association should be sent back to the military court of first instance in Istanbul for retrial due to "insufficient investigation." On February, at its first hearing of the retrial, Ms. Isvan and five other TPA prisoners were released, and the remaining six were subsequently released. Ms. Isvan is now free to rejoin her husband, the former Mayor of Istanbul (who still faces charges in another political trial).

Unfortunately, despite this good news, charges have not been dropped, and another lengthy trial is likely to follow. Therefore, Amnesty International is keeping the TPA cases open, and continues to call for all charges to be dropped.

Please accept our gratitude for the City Council's support thus far. I believe such international attention helps to keep these individuals from languishing in prison.

For members of Amnesty International Group 54,



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Comm. from Paul R. Fulton, Amnesty International Group 54, transmitting an update on the status of Ms. Reha Isvan, Turkish Prisoner of Conscience, adopted by Amnesty International & the City Council's Human Rights Committee.

In City Council,

June 23, 1986

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