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Mrs Anna Karamanou, MEP
Chair of the Committee on Women's Rights and Equal Opportunities
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Subject: Case of Mrs Leyla Zana

Dear Mrs Karamanou,

I refer to your remarks during the plenary session in Strasbourg on Monday 11 March 2003 regarding the case of Mrs Leyla Zana.

Given the announcement of a retrial in the case of Mrs Leyla Zana and her colleagues, the Conference of Presidents of the European Parliament has decided to send an ad-hoc delegation to Turkey to attend the trial.

I have sent a letter to the Turkish authorities, asking for the immediate release of the prisoners.

Yours sincerely,



Pat COX