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The European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) is deeply concerned at threats by the Turkish authorities “to repress” strikes and peaceful demonstrations called for by Turkish trade union organisations protesting at mass arrests and police violence against peaceful demonstrators in Istanbul.

Bernadette Ségol, General Secretary of the ETUC, said: *“The increasingly authoritarian response by the Turkish Government against people’s legitimate grievances is a cause for deep concern. Sending in the army can only make matters worse. Turkey has expressed its European vocation and is a member of the Council of Europe. It must act accordingly.”*

The European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) exists to speak with a single voice, on behalf of the common interests of workers, at European level. Founded in 1973, it now represents 85 trade union organisations in 36 European countries, plus 10 industry-based federations. The ETUC is also on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#) and [Flickr](#).

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