



UIA GREEK SECTION

Technical Chamber of Greece, 4 Nikis str., Athens, Greece

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GEZI PARK LAWSUIT APPEAL & SENTENCES

Dear colleagues and old friends of the Chamber of Architects of Turkey (CAT)

Dear President Eyup Muhcu

From the very beginning of this letter of support, on behalf of the UIA Greek Section, we stand by your side!

We were shocked and devastated by the outcome of the Gezi Park trials and appeals. We feel very sorry for our colleagues and the other co-defendants, sentenced to prison after all these years of legitimate struggle and cause!

We hereby declare our demand of immediate suspension of sentences, and we reject interventions which violate the integrity of the modern architectural cityscape of the city of Istanbul. We call all architectural communities to stand by you.

Public place is not a neutral, abstract space formation but rather an important component of our cultural and political existence. We believe that respect for public place as well as for urban history and heritage should be a central concern of our cultural and civic engagement in every part of the world.

In defense of the political sustainability of our societies, we should like to support our condemned Turkish colleagues; to support as well the uncensored need for free democratic presence.

Dear colleagues, we remain at your disposal for support and solidarity

For the UIA Greek Section

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