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Sir,

The Armenian editor Hrant Dink has been sentenced to six month probation for an alleged offence of opinion. The Turkish writer Orhan Pamuk faces similar charges in a still pending trial.

I would like to express my concerns for basic human and civic rights in Turkey, such as the freedom of the media or the freedom of opinion and conscience. A revision of the Turkish Penal Code, including the annulment of article 305, and safeguards for the above mentioned liberties seem necessary.

I hope and expect, that you will use your influence in order to strengthen the democratisation process in this aspect. In particular I hope, that you will also use your influence to prevent a confirmation of the sentence against Mr Dink and the suspension of the trial against Mr Pamuk, for both trials are shameful for your country and incompatible with true democracy.

Sincerely,