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Dear Union of Turkish Bar Associations

I am writing to you today, to introduce you to our organization, *International Bridges to Justice* (IBJ), and our work towards ending investigative torture in the 21st century. With offices in six countries, IBJ works to systematically end torture of persons in police and prison custody by supporting public defenders and ensuring early access to counsel to accused persons. Our volunteer lawyers work tirelessly, providing legal representation to the poorest of the poor, who are consigned to prison and unable to afford the services of a lawyer. In addition, we also host and conduct legal training programs, equipping lawyers in developing countries with the skills required to provide competent legal representation, and building capacity to strengthen criminal justice systems around the world.

To reach out to a wider community of human rights defenders, IBJ has been hosting the 'JusticeMakers' Competition since 2008. Through this competition, IBJ provides seed grants of \$5000 to defenders in developing countries around the world, to run an annual project focusing on awareness and enforcement of due process rights. In addition, we provide strategic support to these projects and monitor their progress, throughout the year. Having local activists run projects on the ground has been a truly effective method of reaching out and supporting those in need. This year, we aim to reach out to a diverse group of human rights defenders by releasing our applications and running the competition in English, French, Spanish, Russian and Arabic.

In order to reach out to a large pool of talented human rights activists, we request your support in spreading the message about IBJ's JusticeMakers 2014 Competition (<http://justicemakers.net>) to motivated and spirited lawyers in Turkey. We would be extremely grateful if you could assist us by putting up posters, sharing or forwarding emails informing local lawyers about the competition. Your help and support is pivotal in making due process rights a reality for very many people.

I look forward to your support and hope to hear from you soon. Thank You.

Yours Sincerely,

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