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## South African Kurdish Human Rights Action/Solidarity Group

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### International Campaign

**“One million signatures for the release of Abdullah Ocalan,  
the legitimate leader of the Kurdish People”**

**Whereas** Abdullah Ocalan was *en route* to South Africa to seek political asylum in February 1999;

**And whereas** his effort was frustrated when on 15 February 1999 he was intercepted by certain intelligence agencies in Kenya, kidnapped, blindfolded and handed over to Turkish authorities;

**And whereas** he was tried and sentenced to death in an unfair trial before a semi-military court but the sentence was subsequently commuted to life imprisonment;

**And whereas** the European Court of Human Rights subsequently found that his trial before the said tribunal in Turkey was unfair;

**And whereas** Abdullah Ocalan is to the Kurdish people what President Mandela was to the oppressed people of South Africa;

**And whereas** Abdullah Ocalan’s contribution to the peace process in Turkey is vital for the peace process in the entire Middle East;

**Now therefore** we call upon the Prime Minister of Turkey to immediately release him from prison to enable him to contribute to the resolution of the Kurdish question in Turkey and to a lasting peace between the Turkish people and the Kurdish people!

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