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**Statement by participants at the 'Public Service Media and Democracy' Conference.
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Parliamentarians, media professionals, regulators, legal experts and other participants at a conference on Public Service Media and Democracy, hosted by the Czech Parliament in Prague, and organized by the Council of Europe, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Czech Television and the European Broadcasting Union, express their deep concern at the latest developments in Turkey in the wake of the failed coup d'état of 15 July 2016.

The participants at the conference are highly concerned for the detention of many journalists and the closing of many media outlets. While fully understanding the legitimate need for the Turkish authorities to act decisively immediately after the failed coup d'état, they urge Turkey to respect its commitment and obligations toward the Council of Europe regarding freedom of the media and freedom of expression.