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Message of Solidarity on the Day of the Endangered Lawyer - January 24, 2025

Dear President of the Bar Association of the Republic of Belarus,
Our Association Weltanwälte is a public benefit association founded by Lawyers who had to emigrate to Germany. Our head office is located in Cologne. We care deeply about the rule of law, human rights and the right of Lawyers to practise their profession freely.

On the occasion of 24 January 2025, which is Lawyers in Danger Day and is dedicated to Belarusian Lawyers, we would like to send you our heartfelt messages of solidarity and support. It's just not right when Lawyers, who are the people who should be protecting the law and justice, are facing difficulties in doing their job properly. We're thinking of you and we hope that things will get better for you very soon.

We've been thinking about the difficulties your colleagues in Belarus have been facing, and we're really worried about them. But we want to reassure you that even in these tough times, the fight for Justice and the Rule of Law will not be defeated. On the contrary, these struggles make us realise more than ever how important these values are and how we must fight to protect them.

At the Weltanwälte Association, we're standing with the Belarusian Lawyers in their fight against these challenges. We know that in a world where Lawyers can't work freely and the Law isn't applied fairly, it's hard to make sure that justice is served. But we promise to do everything we can to make sure that the voices of our colleagues are heard all around the world.

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As Turkish Lawyers, we would like to emphasise that you are not alone in your struggle against injustice. As defenders of Law, Freedom and Human Rights, it is our duty to fight with solidarity and resilience against every obstacle to these principles.

Sincerely,

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