

Cologne/Düsseldorf, 22 September 2010

Dear Sir/Madam,
Dear Friends,

In November 2009 we conducted our expert conference “The so-called anti-terror-struggle using the example of Kurds – practice in the European legal sphere” for the first time. Many participants voiced their request that such a meeting with colleagues from different EU countries be repeated.

The dramatic political developments not only in the Kurdish areas of Turkey and Iran but also in Europe have proven how meaningful and necessary this kind of information exchange is. If nothing else this year's intensified, internationally organised strategy against the Kurdish movement and its institutions has brought us to organize a second conference. It shall take place between **10-12 December 2010**, again in **Bonn**. We want to elaborate on questions of political and juridical instruments of criminal prosecution and their EU-wide effects.

As the opening a few speeches shall be made by colleagues from Turkey. They will give an overview on the changes in the criminal law, the anti-terror legislation and the law on police duties and their effects. Furthermore they shall report on the show trials called “KCK trial” by Turkish state.

Another topic of discussion shall be the new construction of the federal prosecutor's office, through which political activists are to be persecuted due to alleged violations of article 34 of the law on foreign trade in connection with the charge of membership (art. 129b StGB) in an organisation listed on the EU terror index. The continued prohibition policies against the Kurdish movement since 1993 will be a separate compound of topics connected to this.

Furthermore on our expert conference the EU-wide initiative of jurists to remove the PKK from the terror list which we discussed in 2009 shall be on our agenda once again as well as the topic of “Interpol/extraditions”, which could not be discussed in depth last year due to time restrictions.

Besides we are planning a more intensive discussion surrounding the problem of the revocation of the recognition as a refugee according to EU directive 2004/83 (“Qualification directive”), which is often used in Germany. The European Court of Justice in Luxembourg is dealing with respective cases **filed** by former PKK members, with no decision been reached on yet.

We would like to cordially invite you to the second conference, where your active participation is expected. We would be happy if you could answer positively. We shall send you the agenda later.

Friday, 10 December is the day of arrival, the event ends on Sunday, 12 December at 1pm. As last year, we shall shoulder the costs for accommodation and food. We shall also arrange the room reservation.

Yours sincerely

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