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Your Excellency,

We are immensely concerned about the decision of the Supreme Court in Tripoli to once again condemn to death the five Bulgarian nurses and the Palestinian doctor who have been accused of having infected 426 children with HIV at the Al-Fateh Hospital in Benghazi in 1998. This repeated verdict - which demonstratively rejects all international expertise made by the world's most prominent HIV experts – has truly shaken our long-lived hopes for a fair trial and our faith in the impartiality of the Libyan court.

The tragedy of the infected Libyan children and their families is our pain as well. The democratic forces and the trade union movement worldwide is participating in the unprecedented mobilisation for rendering help to Libya in the struggle with HIV/AIDS . As an organisation of the working people, we are ready to give our contribution to this struggle in whatever way we can. At the same time, we are convinced that the death sentence of six people working in one of the most humane spheres of life – healthcare, will not solve the problems of the Libyan society. On the contrary, it will distract the attention from the real measures that need to be taken.

As an organisation protecting social justice and human rights, we are extremely concerned by the deepening neglect of the fundamental rights of the five Bulgarian nurses and the Palestinian doctor. The repeated death sentence based on the allegedly extorted confessions is not evidence that contributes to the democratisation of the Libyan state and to its inclusion into the international democratic community.

Mr. President, we implore you to annul the death sentence of the six medical workers and to guarantee the observation of their fundamental rights.

Yours sincerely

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