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## SPEECH

Madam Chair, esteemed members,

Today, as a young member of the parliament I would like to draw the attention to the mothers.

Mothers who are seeking for their children.

It was an ordinary Wednesday, Hacire Akar, a Kurdish woman from Diyarbakır went to the HDP headquarters in Diyarbakır. She said only one thing: “I will not leave without my child.” She resisted and she took her child back. Then, she became the symbol of resistance; resistance of women against terrorism. She set an example for other women, and also for men. Now there are 54 families waiting for their children to be released by PKK-PYD-YPG. Thanks to the safe environment that the Republic of Turkey provides with successful peace operations, Kurdish women can boldly ask where their children are held and they rebel against the oppression of terrorist organizations.

Let's take a look at a report of HRW published in January 2015. HRW reported that, fifty-nine (59) children, ten (10) of them under the age of fifteen (15), were detained by the YPG. Then, what are we waiting for opposing the YPG's arming of the Kurdish children who are kidnapped or deluded.

Today, when we are talking about Strengthening the International Law, I invite you to be the voice of the mothers of Diyarbakır, the Kurdish mothers, Kurdish children who are exploited by the terrorist organizations.

Thank you for your attention.

Teşekkürler.

Shukran.

Hvala puno.