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"Freedom for Abdullah Öcalan – Peace in Kurdistan"

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To the Family and Comrades of Igor Urrutikoetxea;

Today we are very much saddened with the sudden loss of Igor Urrutikoetxea. This is because he was not only the International Relations Secretary of LAB Basque trade union and member of the National Board and leader of the World Federation of trade Unions but a vibrant and caring human being who waged a struggle to make the world a better place.

Igor Urrutikoetxea was also a signatory to the Signature Campaign which the International Initiative -Freedom for Öcalan, Peace in Kurdistan- started for the 'Freedom of Abdullah Öcalan and all political prisoners'. He was an internationalist who supported a peaceful resolution to the Kurdish question over many years. He and his support in the long freedom struggle of the Kurdish people will not be forgotten.

We offer our condolences and wish strength to his family, Basque people and comrades at LAB and around the world.

May he rest in peace.

Yours Sincerely

Havin Gunesser

On behalf of everyone at

International Initiative "Freedom for Abdullah Öcalan - Peace in Kurdistan"

First Signatories

Mairead Corrigan-Maguire (Nobel Peace Prize, Ireland),
Dario Fo (Nobel Prize in Literature, Italy), **Adolfo Perez Esquivel** (Nobel Peace Prize, Argentina), **José Ramos-Horta** (Nobel Peace Prize, East Timor), **José Saramago** (Nobel Prize in Literature, Portugal),
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