

Text of letter sent by the Arbeitskreis atomwaffenfreies Europa to the Nobel Institute, Oslo, proposing Mahmut Dikerdem for the Nobel Peace Prize:

Berlin, 10th October 1984

Re.: Award of Nobel Peace Prize 1985

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Executive Committee of the Arbeitskreis atomwaffenfreies Europa, an organisation which works towards achieving peace in Europe on the basis of the Russell Appeal.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee held yesterday, it was unanimously agreed to support the proposal which has been made by many groups to award the Nobel Peace Prize 1985 to the great Turkish peace campaigner

Mahmut D i k e r d e m.

A man of great courage and great farsightedness would thus receive the international recognition that he deserves and that is denied to him by the establishment in his own country. Selecting Mahmut Dikerdem for the Nobel Peace Prize would set an important signal. No other personality better represents the earnestness, the commitment and the pacifism of the international peace movement than Mahmut Dikerdem, who is serving a prison sentence for his peaceable intentions and activities, a prison sentence which he may not survive.

Permit me to enclose a press statement on this matter which we published yesterday in Berlin.

Yours faithfully,

(Prof. Dr. Ernst Tugendhat)



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Dear Sir or Madam

We understand that there has been a nomination of the distinguished Turkish ex-ambassador, Dr. Mahmut Dikerdem for the Nobel Peace Prize.

He is as you will know now in prison, with many of his companions of the Turkish Peace Committee, for activities which would be considered perfectly normal and peaceful in our own society.

Our Council wishes me to say that it fully supports this nomination. The award to Dr. Dikerdem would give enormous encouragement to many who are working for peace in the world to-day and it would be a tribute to a very brave man indeed.

Yours very sincerely

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IPCC MEETING IN HELSINKI, HAVE DECIDED TO GIVE SUPPORT TO THE  
CANDIDACY OF MR. DIKERDEM FROM TURKEY FOR THE NOBEL PEACE PRICE.  
HE IS IN PRISON BECAUSE OF HIS PEACE ENGAGEMENT  
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