

Brussels, 9 February 2023

**His Excellency Mr Recep Tayyip Erdoğan**  
**President of the Republic of Türkiye**

Dear President,

Your people are experiencing a harrowing ordeal. We, the Members of the European Council, wish to express our deepest condolences for the devastating loss of life after the earthquake that took place on 6 February 2023. We are profoundly shocked and saddened by the dramatic consequences of this terrible disaster.

Our thoughts are with all the families who have lost loved ones and with all those who are still awaiting news. We wish the many injured a speedy recovery. In these horrendous circumstances, we pay tribute to the brave rescuers working around the clock to save lives.

The European Union and its Member States stand in full solidarity with the people of Türkiye and Syria in the face of this tragedy.

In the immediate aftermath of the earthquake, we did our utmost to swiftly provide all assistance possible to help alleviate the suffering in all affected regions. The European Commission and the Swedish Presidency have taken the initiative to host a Donors' Conference to mobilise funds from the international community in support of the people of Türkiye and Syria in Brussels in March.

We stand ready to further step up our support in close coordination with the Turkish authorities. Our thoughts will continue to be with you and your people.

Yours sincerely, Bescherming persoonlijke levenssfeer

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Charles MICHEL, President of the European Council

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Ulf KRISTERSSON, Prime Minister, Sweden