Resolution:

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There Are No Limits to Satire

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Considering:

* The current lawsuit of Turkey’s President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan against German comedian Jan Böhmermann for a defaming poem claiming that Erdoğan enjoys hostile actions towards Kurds and Christians as well as zoophilia and child porn.
* Erdoğan called in the German ambassador early this year for another satire video aired by the German public-service broadcaster ARD
* Turkish critics of the Turkish president face horrendous charges and that there are currently more than 1,800 open lawsuits against people accused of insulting the Turkish president

Acknowledging:

* IFLRY’s commitment to freedom of speech and freedom of the press as sacrosanct pillars of liberal civil society
* The importance of satire, controversy, and public discourse to an open society
* The increasing censorship and repression of minority opinions in Turkey
* The importance of the debate on the limits of satire in Germany and Europe

The International Federation of Liberal Youth (IFLRY) calls for:

* The German government to abstain from persecuting Jan Böhmermann on the behalf of Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and to acknowledge that giving in to such official limitations is on par with formally imposing censorship
* Its Member Organizations to condemn putting boundaries on satire and freedom of speech and to lobby for the abolishment of related legislation (e.g. in Germany: §103 and §90 StGB)