

# OUR DECLARATION

## Checks and balances

are essential for a Turkey where we live freely with our differences, where we are certain that our rights are guaranteed, where we are sure that justice is distributed equally, and where we believe that the government is accountable to us as citizens!

- ⦿ Laws should be based on the demands and needs of the people.
- ⦿ The legislative, executive and judiciary should be separate and independent from each other.
- ⦿ The legislative, the executive and the judiciary should not be stronger than each other.
- ⦿ The citizens and civil society organizations should participate effectively in decision-making processes and have the capacity to hold the administration accountable.
- ⦿ Political parties should be democratic within themselves and encourage participation in politics.
- ⦿ There must be an electoral system that will ensure effective representation.



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**We ask for a strong checks and balances system that will guarantee the universal rights and freedoms.**

**When there is a strong system of checks and balances system**

- ◉ We will live in a pluralistic Turkey, where social justice is ensured, our rights and freedoms are guaranteed, and the government is held accountable.
- ◉ We will have a parliament that oversees the pertinence of executive's decisions with fundamental rights and freedoms.
- ◉ We will have an independent, and impartial judiciary that will prevent the practices and decisions of the legislative and the executive that are in conflict with universal rights and freedoms.
- ◉ We will live in a fair Turkey with an independent, and impartial judiciary.
- ◉ As citizens and civil society organizations, we will be able to participate effectively in decision-making processes and hold the executive accountable.
- ◉ We will ensure that decisions are taken in a participatory manner by freely voicing our different opinions through democratic political parties.
- ◉ With an electoral system that ensures representation, our laws will serve not just one specific group but all of us as citizens.



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