

I am writing to express my grave concern on 375 registered associations and NGOs that were permanently closed and their assets seized following an executive decree No. 677 issued on 22 November. NGOs whose activities had been suspended on 11 November are among those who appear on the list of closed organizations. Even under the state of emergency, this closure cannot be justified.

I am calling on the authorities to revoke executive decree No. 677 and immediately reverse the decision to close and seize the assets of the 375 registered associations and NGOs .

I am also urging them to halt any further suspension or closure of associations and NGOs, and ensure effective remedies are provided to challenge the legality of derogating measures under the state of emergency.

Lastly please stop the crackdown on the right to freedom of expression and association .

Sincerely yours,