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To: [Committee, PJCS \(REPS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Submission for Review of the re-listing of Kurdistan Workers
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Dear Committee members;

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to present our concerns in the hearing regarding keeping PKK in the Australian terrorist organisations list. We also would like to thank the committee for allowing us to submit more evidence.

In the statement of reasons it is listed that on 26th of December 2014 the PKK attacked the homes of rival Kurdish party members in Cirze, Sirnak province, killing two people and injuring three others.

It is also listed in the statements of reasons that on 23rd of April 2014 the PKK abducted 25 teenaged students in the Lice district of Diyarbakir. Although the PKK released several of the children following protests by their parents, the majority remain missing. The group is reported to have kidnapped more than 300 children between December 2013 and May 2014. As we mentioned at the hearing, the information provided in the statement of reasons lacks the background information describing the environment in which this incidents have occurred.

For, example, statement of reasons lists that [on 23rd of April](#) PKK abducted 25 teenaged students in Lice, Diyarbakir and it states that PKK reported to have kidnapped 300 children between December 2013 and May 2014. Unfortunately it lacks the information that the People's Defense Centre/People's Defense Forces (HPG), also known as the Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK), has signed Geneva Call's Deed of Commitment for the Protection of Children from the Effects of Armed Conflict.

Again, in the statement of reasons, it lists that PKK attacked on 26th of December 2014 to the homes of rival Kurdish party members in Cizre and Sirnak. This information also lacks the information that the above mentioned rival party is Huda-Par, which is closely linked to radical Islamist group Hizbullah. In the 1990s Hizbullah was recruited by Turkey's "deep state", an allegedly antidemocratic group of senior spooks, military officers and members of the judiciary, to murder hundreds of PKK members and supporters.

We submit the following evidence for your re-consideration for the above-mentioned matters.

Kind Regards
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