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Dear Turkish colleagues and friends,

I want to express my deep concern regarding the unrest on public squares in Turkey.

The International Federation of Landscape Architects recognizes the importance of public space as the place for social communication and democracy. Public space may also be important for urban ecology and have other functions.

The design of public space, like squares and parks should respond to people's traditions and needs, since the urban landscape is a reflection of people's culture.

The International Federation of Landscape Architects supports,

- Community participation and democracy,
- Resilience,
- Integration of the principles of sustainability and
- Culture

within the design and construction of public spaces and is therefore in favor of all people defending this principles in Turkish cites.

With a big hug and very best regards

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