

Dear Mr. Bresser:

We write again to demand in the strongest possible terms that you and your company, Bresser/Bresser Eurasia, cease immediately all work pertaining to the removal of the Zeynel Bey Tomb, pending a decision in the relevant case at the European Court of Human Rights.

As summarized in a statement issued by the Court on 21 July 2016, the applicants in this case claim that Turkey's advance plan to relocate certain historic monuments of Hasankeyf is impossible because the majority of these remains do not lend themselves to such treatment and the geographical placement and historical structure of the site cannot be reproduced elsewhere.

[http://hudoc.echr.coe.int/fre#%22fulltext%22:\[%226080/06%22\]](http://hudoc.echr.coe.int/fre#%22fulltext%22:[%226080/06%22])

We hereby inform you that we are in the process of filing a complaint with the OECD National Contact Point in the Netherland and are considering legal steps in the Netherlands regarding breaches of cultural heritage laws, including the Council of Europe's Convention for the Preservation of the Architectural Heritage of Europe (ETS 121).

We hold Bresser/Bresser Eurasia accountable for its obligation as a contractor to a State Party to uphold ETS 121, which has been ratified and carries the force of law in both the Netherlands and Turkey.

As specialists in the field of architectural conservation, Bresser/Bresser Eurasia must also adhere to the professional standards of the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS), which consistently emphasize the importance of public participation in the planning and monitoring of projects for the conservation of historic building and their settings.

The violation of cultural heritage laws is a violation of human rights. The central role accorded by common international standards and conventions to the principle of public participation, particularly in matters of historic preservation and sustainable development, serve to safeguard the universal human right to participate in the cultural life of the community, as set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Sincerely

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