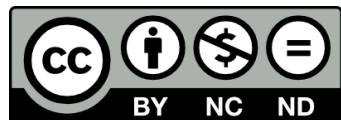




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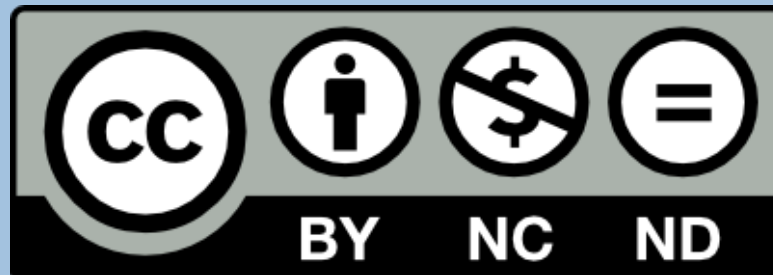
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Introduction

THE IP AND ITS HISTORY - A SHORT OVERVIEW

A. History of the IP

The case of Baki Erdoğan

Detention of Erdoğan on August 10th, 1993; 10 days later he lay in coma and died thereafter.

Official cause of death: pulmonary edema from hunger strike.

When preparing the corpse for funeral, relatives discovered traces of physical abuse and documented them with photography.



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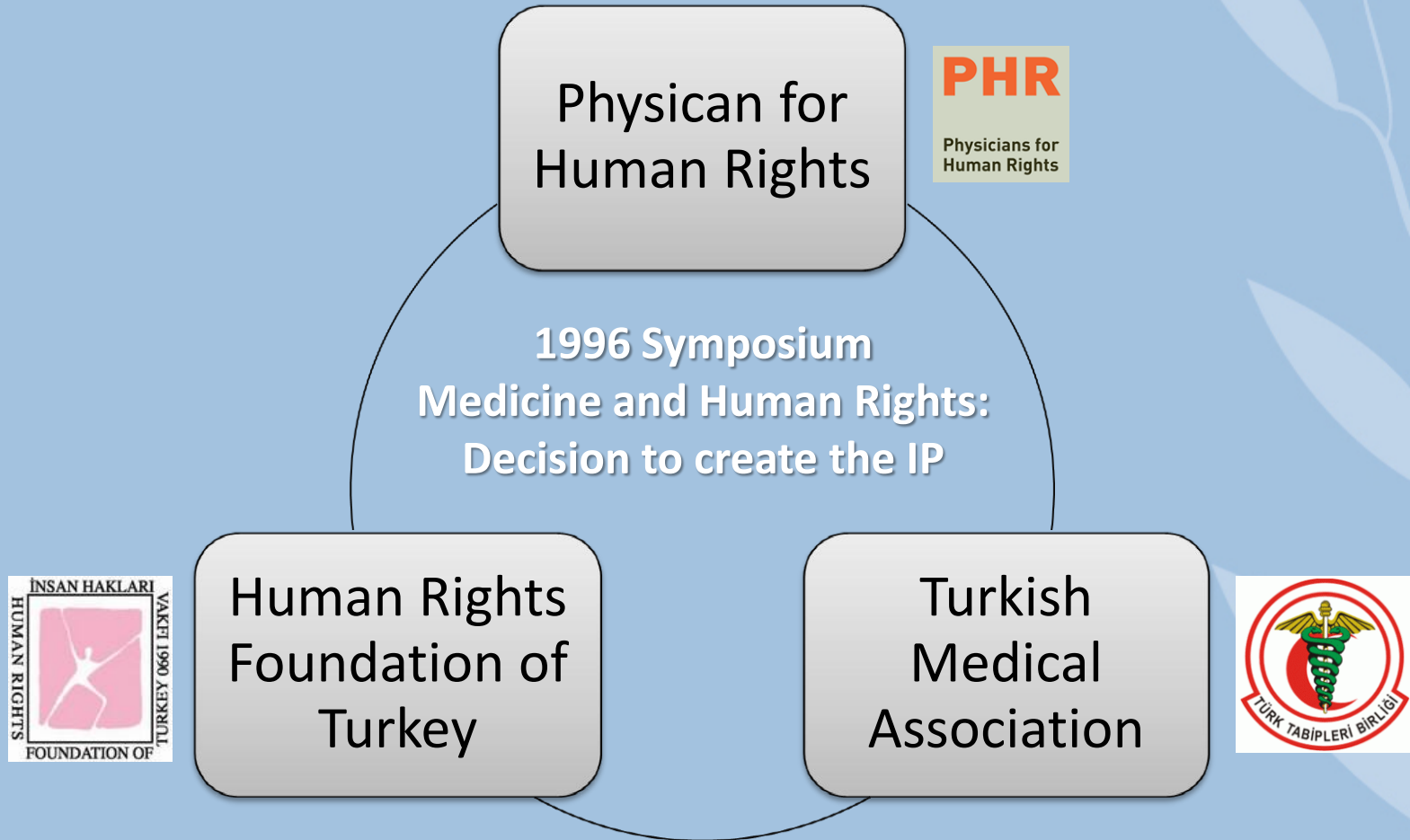
The case of Baki Erdoğan

Alternative medical report by the Izmir Medical Association states death from acute respiratory failure caused by multiple traumas, especially electrical shock and torture by hanging.

Point of reference for the investigation: *Minnesota Protocol*.

- ➔ Legal prosecution:
culprits were found guilty of negligent homicide and convicted to a jail sentence of five and one half years.

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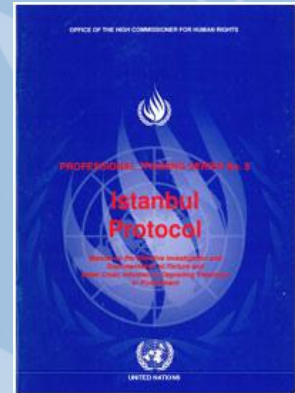
IP finished by more than 75 experts, representing 40 organisations in 15 countries

March 2001:

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IP adopted by UN General Assembly and High Commissioner for Human Rights



B. Why document torture?

The IP has been created with a strong focus on bringing perpetrators before court, thus fighting against impunity.

Also, it seems most applicable in countries where torture still takes place, systematically or infrequently.

Therefore it might not be obvious at first sight, why the effort of a thorough documentation should be taken in European countries, where torture presumably does not take place.

➔ *Think for yourself and try to find reasons, why documentation of torture is also sensible and useful in Europe!*

B. Why document torture?



1. It protects traumatized persons from being returned to persecution in their countries of origin

2. It acknowledges the suffering of the victims

3. It clearly points to human rights violations in countries of origin

4. It provides victims with the means to prosecute perpetrators in national courts in their home countries

B. Why document torture?



5. It possibly allows prosecution of perpetrators by international courts or courts of third countries

6. It broadens the knowledge about torture and other forms of ill-treatment

7. It is by far easier in safe and resourceful countries

8. It calls attention to the fact that torture or ill-treatment might still exist in so-called “civilized” countries