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There are at present numerous and diverse groups, initiatives and NGOs that are present in Gezi Park which are representing thousands and even millions of people who have come together there since the morning of the 28th of May when the protests began. To expect that there will be a single voice standing in for this variety and multiplicity is not realistic. However, in order for our demands to be heard and met the only way is to open up channels for dialogue and negotiation; this is what we repeatedly ask for. We would like to reiterate the common demands that those meeting in Taksim are expressing.

1. Gezi Park should stay as a park without losing any of its trees and there should be no buildings built there no matter what their function is going to be. There should be no further traffic tunnels constructed in Taksim.
2. The destructions caused by Kalyon Construction Co. during their work along the Asker Ocağı street side of Gezi Park are illegal and those responsible should face legal prosecution.
3. Legal prosecution case should be opened against those responsible for the police forces' brutality and violence.

Those who are in government carry the responsibility and duty to interpret what is taking place in Gezi Park protests accurately, to not manipulate the communications and dialogue that they are involved in, and to solve the problem that they have caused. They should be honest and genuine about this.

We wish that the Gezi protest which is the largest and the most free movement that has developed spontaneously and in a totally unaccustomed way for a democratic country should be a progressive step forward for our country and for our politics.

"TAKSİM BELONGS TO US ALL!"