

To: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus
Minister of Foreign Affairs
H.E. Mr. Maxim Ryzhenkov
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Dear Minister,

I am calling on you to take all necessary steps to immediately release Maryia Kalesnikava, who has been arbitrarily arrested and prosecuted under trumped-up charges. Maryia has been sentenced to 11 years in prison simply for exercising her right to freedom of expression and association, speaking out against arbitrary arrests and abuses of the electoral process during the widely disputed presidential election in Belarus in 2020.

Furthermore, I urgently request that all necessary measures are taken to protect Maryia from torture and other ill-treatment. She should be provided with access to adequate healthcare and allowed contact with her lawyers and family.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely,