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SUBJECT: Human Rights Situation in Kazakhstan
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TEXT:

Vladimir Kozlov, Kazakh oppositionist, leader of the unregistered opposition party Alga!, is currently serving his term of 7,5 years of detention in a penal facility in Petropavlovsk. According to the Article 68 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the Republic of Kazakhstan, *a convicted person shall serve his/her sentence in a colony within the area of his/her last residence prior to his/her arrest*, nevertheless Vladimir Kozlov was placed in a facility far away from his last place of residence – Almaty.

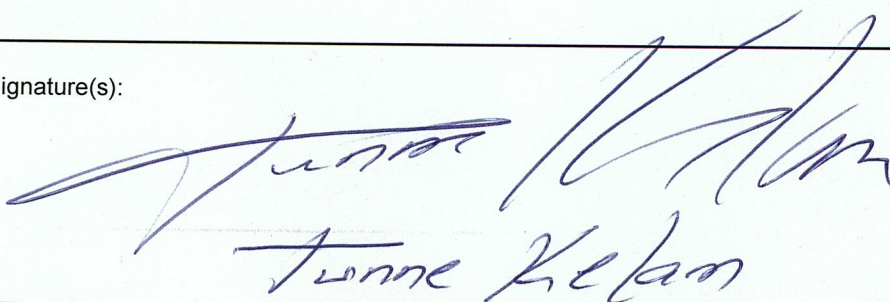
The long distance between Almaty, the place of residence of Kozlov's family, and Petropavlovsk, as well as difficult weather conditions in winter will soon make it impossible for Mr Kozlov's wife, Aliya Turusbekova, who is in her fifth month of pregnancy, to visit her husband. Serving his term in Petropavlovsk, it will, therefore, be impossible for Mr Kozlov to meet his wife and soon-to-be-born child, as is his right.

Furthermore, we would like to express our concern over Vladimir Kozlov's health conditions. We have been informed that he suffers from numerous health problems, including a severe pain in the right hip joint, as well as problems with high blood pressure, which could lead to a stroke. International rights organizations denounce that Vladimir Kozlov does not receive the proper medical care that he needs.

Taking into account the above mentioned arguments and particular conditions of the family of Mr Vladimir Kozlov, as well as the pro-family policy promoted in the recent months by the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Nursultan Nazarbayev, we would like to ask the High Representative, Catherine Ashton, and the EEAS whether they had a chance to meet with Mr Kozlov while in detention to ascertain his health conditions.

Is the EEAS undertaking any actions in order to facilitate the transfer of Mr Kozlov from the detention facility in Petropavlovsk to another detention facility closer to his last place of residence and the current place of residence of his wife, Aliya Turusbekova.

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