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Dear Prosecutor General,

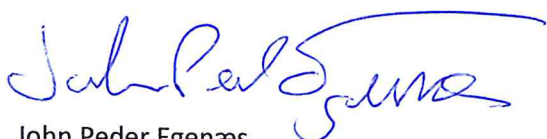
Doctor of Physics and Mathematics **Sergei Krivov** (Moscow), political activists **Rafis Kashapov** (Naberezhnye Chelny), blogger **Daria Poliudova** (Krasnodar), activist **Ildar Dadin** (Moscow), and Director of the state run Library of Ukrainian Literature **Natalia Sharina** (Moscow) have all been deprived of their liberty solely for peacefully exercising their right to freedom of expression.

They are prisoners of conscience and must be released immediately and unconditionally.

Amnesty International in Norway urges you to take the necessary steps to ensure their prompt release, in line with Russia's obligation to respect the right to freedom of expression.

We also urge you to take the necessary steps to instigate review of the Russian legislation which contravenes the country's international obligations and its own Constitution and unduly restricts the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and expression, including the law regulating public assemblies and the anti-extremism legislation.

Sincerely,



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