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Dear Prosecutor General.

I am concerned about the cases of Mikhail Kosenko, Vladimir Akimenkov and Artiom Saviolov, who were all arrested following the demonstration at Bolotnaya Square May 6th 2012. Mikhail Kosenko was sentenced to forcible psychiatric treatment on October 8, 2013, whilst Vladimir Akimenkov and Artiom Saviolov trials are on-going.

I am concerned that the Moscow Zamoskvoretskii Court failed to observe fair trial standards in its ruling against Mikhail Kosenko, and I consider him a prisoner of conscience persecuted solely for the peaceful exercise of his rights to freedom of expression and assembly. I therefore call on you to ensure that Mikhail Kosenko is released immediately and unconditionally.

I further call on you to ensure that fair trial standards are met in the cases of Vladimir Akimenkov and Artiom Saviolov. I particularly call on you to ensure the observation of the highest standard of proof beyond reasonable doubt during the prosecution of the two cases, and to withdraw your support if these standards of proof fail to be met.

Finally, I urge you to ensure that Vladimir Akimenkov and Artiom Saviolov are released on bail for the duration of the trial, together with ensure all other individuals accused of criminal offences in connection with the events on Bolotnaya Square on 6 May 2012 and who present no risk of absconding, endangering public security or prejudicing the course of justice.

Sincerely,

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