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Dear Prosecutor General

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I am deeply worried about the criminal prosecution of Marfa Rabkova, a woman human rights defender.

She was detained on 17 September and on 25 September she was charged under Article 293(3) of the Criminal Code and faces up to three years in prison if convicted. She is currently remanded in pre-trial detention centre No. 1 in Minsk.

Marfa Rabkova is a prisoner of conscience and has committed no crime. Prosecuting her for peacefully exercising her human rights and protecting the rights of others is a breach of Belarus' obligations under international human rights law.

The Belarusian authorities must stop persecuting members of the Human Rights Centre "Viasna" and other civil society activists and respect the rights to freedom of association and expression of all persons in Belarus.

I urge you to immediately and unconditionally release Marfa Rabkova, as well as all other prisoners of conscience in Belarus, and to drop all charges against her.

Yours sincerely,