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Dear General Prosecutor,

Mikita Zalatarou was waiting for a friend on the main square in Homel when he was swept into a crowd of protesters on 10 August 2020. Within 24 hours, then 16-year-old – who also has epilepsy – was in police custody, accused of throwing a Molotov cocktail. Officers beat him, electrocuted him, interrogated him without a lawyer or responsible adult present, and locked him up for six months before putting him on trial.

Despite no evidence showing Mikita Zalatarou had been involved in any violence, he was convicted and sentenced to five years' imprisonment.

I urge you to release him pending a fair trial that meets international child justice standards.

Yours sincerely,