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Federica Mogherini

High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission

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Dear Federica,

I would like to bring to your attention the case of Anna Krasulina, a journalist living in Belarus who is facing political persecution.

I have received reports that Ms. Krasulina received a decision on her expulsion from the Republic of Belarus and an entry ban of one year. She considers this as political persecution for her professional activity, and several human rights organisation support her.

In fact, the grounds on which she was banned were administrative offences (two participations in unauthorised rallies in 2016 and 2017 and a bus fare not paid on time in 2018). However, according to Belarussian law, an administrative offence is doomed to removal in a year and all her fines were paid.

In light of these facts, I would like to know if the EEAS is following this case. If so, I urge you to put pressure on local authorities to guarantee a free and impartial trial and the safe return of Ms. Krasulina to her family in Belarus.

*Best regards,
Ana Gomes*

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