



Stop the judicial harassment against Stanislav Dmitrievsky

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Dear President/dear Minister/or Your Excellency,

I have been informed by reliable sources about the judicial harassment faced by Mr. **Stanislav Dmitrievsky**, Head of the human rights organisation Russian-Chechen Friendship Society (RCFS), as chief editor and co-author of the book entitled *International Tribunal for Chechnya. Legal Perspectives of bringing the responsible to individual criminal accountability for the crimes against humanity perpetrated in the course of the armed conflict in Chechnya*, published in 2009.

According to the information received, on January 11, 2013, Mr. Stanislav Dmitrievsky was summoned to the court of Dzerzhinsk, in the Nizhny Novgorod region. This trial is taking place in the framework of a case opened against Mr. Dmitrievsky after the Prosecutor's Office of Dzerzhinsk filed a petition under Article 13 of the Federal Law on Countering Extremism to recognise the book titled *International Tribunal for Chechnya* as an extremist publication and to ban it as a result. During the hearing, several inaccuracies emerged from the statements of the two experts authors of the report



which formed the basis of the Prosecutor's claim, Ms. Larisa Teslenko and Ms. Irina Zhiganova, as they were neither able to mention their sources, nor to explain why they used some phrases instead of others in their document. The court also considered a number of applications and called as a witness lawyer Karina Moskalenko, who reviewed the monograph in view of her attendance at the next hearing scheduled for January 23, 2013.

The monograph focuses on the issue of supposed responsibility of the military and executive leadership of the Russian Federation in the Chechen conflict, and contains prospects for combating impunity of the perpetrators in the light of international criminal law, including the case law of the United Nations International Criminal Tribunals for Former Yugoslavia and Rwanda. It also aims at the establishment of a criminal court for this conflict, on the grounds that the crimes perpetrated in Chechnya would fall within the scope of universal jurisdiction.

I am concerned about the acts of judicial harassment and the infringement of the procedural rights of Mr. Stanislav Dmitrievsky, which take place in the context of the long string of government abuse of anti-extremism laws against civil society activists, including human rights defenders,

In this regard, I am writing to urge you to put an immediate end to any act of harassment against him as well as to ensure in all circumstances that human rights defenders are able to carry out their legitimate activities without any hindrance and fear of reprisals.

Moreover, I call upon you to comply with the provisions of the United Nations Declaration on Human Rights Defenders, adopted by the UN General Assembly on December 9, 1998, especially its Article 6 (b) and (c), which states that “everyone has the right, individually and in association with others [...] as provided for in human rights and other applicable international instruments, freely to publish, impart or disseminate to others views, information and knowledge on all human rights and fundamental freedoms and [...] to study, discuss, form and hold opinions on the observance, both in law and in practice, of all human rights and fundamental freedoms and, through these and other appropriate means, to draw public attention to those matters.

More generally, I urge you to ensure in all circumstances the respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms in accordance with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and with international and regional human rights instruments ratified by the Russian Federation.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,