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His Excellency Prosecutor General Viktor Pavlovich Pshonka Vul. Riznitska 13/15 <u>01601 KIEV</u> Oekraïne

Dear Prosecutor General,

In the past months of protests police forces committed excessive cruelties towards people who peacefully demonstrated against the political crisis in your country. The international newsmedia focussed on what happened in the month of January to

DMITRII BULATOV OLEG SOBCHENKO and MYKHAYLO NYSKOHUZ

Dmitrii Bulatov disappeared on 22 January 2014. He was reportedly abducted and tortured by police and other law enforcement officials in Ukraine. He was found alive but he had been badly beaten up and seriously tortured. He is currently receiving medical treatment abroad.

Oleg Sobchenko was beaten up by Berkut riot police while peacefully demonstrating in Cherkassy on 27 of January 2014. He is currently in hiding and is in urgent need of medical aid.

Mykhaylo Nyskohuz is a student who was detained, humiliated and beaten by riot police during demonstrations on 20 January. He was taken to hospital and on the 21st of January he was charged of 'participation in mass-disorder'. A day later a district-court put him under house-arrest. At present he is being treated for his injuries and wounds in Chervonohrad.

I most urgently beg you to order serious investigations after the grievous bodily harm and torturing which Dmitrii Bulatov, Oleg Sobchenko and Mykhaylo Nyskohuz suffered by the hands of police forces and other law enforcement officials and to see to it that those involved in the torturing will be sentenced for their crimes.

I wish you courage and sincerety and do hope that you will be so kind to take my request into serious consideration. Thanking you in advance for your kind attention and looking forward to hear from you on the subject, I remain,

Sincerely Yours,

c.c.: U.N. Council on human rights
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