Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus vul. Lenina 19 MINSK, 220030 BELARUS

Zevenaar, December 2024.

Dear Minister,

I am calling on you to take all necessary steps to immediately release Maryia Kalesnikava, who has been arbitrarily arrested and prosecuted under trumped-up charges.

Maryia has been sentenced to 11 years in prison simply for exercising her right to freedom of expression and association, speaking out against arbitrary arrests and abuses of the electoral process during the widely disputed presidential election in Belarus in 2020.

Furthermore, I urgently request that all necessary measures are taken to protect Maryia from torture and other ill-treatment. She should be provided with access to adequate healthcare and allowed contact with her lawyers and family.

Maryia's unjust conviction should be overturned, and her name should be deleted from the government's list of individuals involved in "terrorist activities".

Yours sincerely,

Name: City: Country: