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**To: Council of Europe Commissioner  
for Human Rights  
Ms Dunja Mijatović!**

*Dear Ms Dunja Mijatović!*

The National News Agency of Ukraine "Ukrinform" presents its compliments to you and thanks for your attention paid to the case of Paris-based Ukrinform correspondent Roman Sushchenko, whom the Russian Federation illegally sentenced to 12 years' imprisonment in a maximum security penal colony.

Holding the post of the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media, you tried to visit Roman Sushchenko and another Ukrainian journalist, Mykola Semena, in Russian prison on multiple occasions. However, your attempts were denied by the Russian authorities.

Two years have passed since you made your last statement on the Ukrainian journalist, but the issue of Roman Sushchenko's release has not been settled yet. He and other Ukrainian political prisoners are still held in Russian prisons.

According to the information released, next week you are going to visit Moscow and meet with Russian officials, in particular, with High Commissioner for Human Rights in the Russian Federation Tatiana Moskalkova.

The National News Agency of Ukraine "Ukrinform" appeals to you with a request to raise an issue of the release of Ukrainian political prisoners held in Russia, in particular, Roman Sushchenko, during your visit to Moscow and to use all the mechanisms of the Council of Europe to return the Kremlin's hostages to Ukraine.

Ukrinform hopes for your help in solving this pressing issue for Ukraine.

Yours Respectfully,

**Ukrinform's Director General of**

**Oleksandr Kharchenko**

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