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Nasta (Anastasia) Loika

Dear Prosecutor General,

I am extremely concerned about the arbitrary criminal prosecution and detention of human rights defender and educator Nasta (Anastasia) Loika, as well as reports of torture and other ill-treatment. On October 28, 2022, Nasta Loika was arbitrarily detained in Minsk and on October 31 sentenced to 15 days' detention on false charges of “petty hooliganism” (Article 19.1 of the Code of Administrative Offenses). However, after serving her sentence, she was not immediately released but was sentenced to four more 15-day prison terms for the same alleged offense. On December 24, 2022, she was arbitrarily charged under Articles 342.1 and 130.3 of the Criminal Code. On June 20, 2023, she was sentenced to seven years in a penal colony.

Nasta Loika reported that during her detention she was tortured with electric shocks during interrogations and was left standing in the courtyard for eight hours without her outer clothing. She continues to be denied necessary medical care, which in itself may constitute inhuman and degrading treatment.

I urge you to ensure Nasta Loika’s immediate and unconditional release and to instigate an immediate investigation into the allegations of Nasta Loika’s torture and other ill-treatment. Please ensure that those allegedly responsible are brought to justice in fair trials that do not resort to the death penalty.

Yours sincerely,