

To the attention of:

Mr. Miklós Haraszti

UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Belarus

Mr. Andrea Rigoni

PACE Rapporteur on the situation in Belarus;

From:

Legal Transformation Center (Lawtrend)¹

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Minsk, Belarus

Letter of request to start communication

Dear Mr. Haraszti,

Dear Mr. Rigoni,

Bearing in mind the ongoing visit of the PACE Rapporteur Mr. Andrea Rigoni to Belarus, which will take place at the end of February, presumably 25-26, 2015;

Bearing in mind that Belarusian Government refused to cooperate with the UN Special Rapporteur Mr. Miklos Haraszti;

Following the consultations of the Special Rapporteur Mr. Miklos Haraszti with Belarusian civil society representatives, held in Vilnius on February 2-3, 2015;

With the aim of improving the efficiency of international human rights instruments in relation to Belarus;

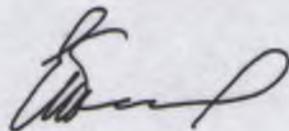
Legal Transformation Center believes that communication between the UN Special Rapporteur and the PACE Rapporteur should be initiated to coordinate the assessment of situation with human rights in Belarus. And the best time to start such a dialog is now – before the visit to Belarus.

Mr. Haraszti has had fruitful cooperation and regular consultations with Belarusian human rights CSOs. We believe that the conclusions and recommendations of the UN Special Rapporteur are worthy of consideration.

To our regret, we have insufficient information based on official documents to conclude about the opinion and assessment of Mr. Rigoni in regard of human rights agenda for Belarus.

We believe, that such a communication is necessary to be established on a permanent basis. This will provide all stakeholders with non-biased and comprehensive information about situation with human rights in Belarus.

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