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**Honourable Mr. Tomáš Zdechovský!**

By the instruction of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the General Prosecutor's Office together with the Ministries of Justice, Interior and Foreign Affairs examined your request about the victimization of convict Mr. Kozlov by the administration of the colony LA 155/14.

I hereby inform that Mr. Kozlov was transferred to that institution from the colony in the North-Kazakhstan region in early 2014 due to his request to be closer to the place of permanent residence – city of Almaty.

In the period of his presence in this colony the conditions of the detention, health care and other issues related to the rights of Mr. Kozlov has repeatedly been examined by the representatives of the international organizations, the National Preventive Mechanism, his lawyers who had meetings and talks with him.

On June 11, 2014, Mr. Kozlov met with the Chairman of the Committee on Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly Mrs. Isabel Santos from Portugal.

On September 27, 2014, the representatives of the International Club of Writers and Poets Mr. Carles Torner (Spain) and interpreter Mr. Vladimir Kartsev (USA) visited the colony and met with Mr. Kozlov.

On January 20, 2015, Mr. Kozlov had a meeting and discussion with the UN Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association Mr. Maina Kiai.

On July 24, 2015, he was visited by the member of the Coordination Council under the Commissioner for Human Rights in the Republic of Kazakhstan Mrs. Zhemis Turmagambetova.

Moreover, the conditions of detention as well as the rights and interests of Mr. Kozlov and other prisoners in this colony are constantly checked by the representatives of the Almaty region Prosecutor's Office, who always carry out confidential talks with the convicts.

In all these meetings and visits, Mr. Kozlov has not declared about any victimizations by the administration of the colony or other prisoners.

Medical care of Mr. Kozlov as well as other detainees in the colony is being provided suitably.

On August 4, 2015, an accredited independent expert – doctor D.Isaynov, surgeon of the highest category, examined Mr. Kozlov and recognized his health condition as satisfactory.

Bringing Mr. Kozlov to repeated disciplinary sanctions is connected with his unwillingness to comply with the established order of serving the sentence.

The imposed sanctions were thoroughly checked by the prosecutors and the administration of the colony and were recognized as legitimate.

In open trial with the participation of Mr. Kozlov and his lawyer, the court also pointed out the feasibility and proportionality of these sanctions to his offending behaviour.

Over the entire period of serving his sentence, Mr. Kozlov was not being held in a solitary cell or in a punishment cell.

According to the legislation, the release on parole could only be made by the court only at the request of the convict.

The period of release on parole for Mr. Kozlov started on October 23, 2015, on what he was notified in writing by the administration of the colony.

Also in accordance with the Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners adopted by the United Nations, the conditions of detention, safety, adequate health care and other rights are provided to the convicts Aron Yedigeyev (Atabek), Vadim Kuramshin and Mukhtar Dzhakishev mentioned in your letter.

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