



*Delegation of the Czech Republic
to the Parliamentary Assembly of the
Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe*

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Your Excellency,

As a Head of the Czech Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the OSCE and the Vice-Chair of its General Committee on Democracy, Human Rights and Humanitarian Questions, I have been informed by the Open Dialogue Foundation about the case of Mr. Vladimir Kozlov, leader of the unregistered opposition Party Alga!, who is currently detained in the Penal Colony in Zarechnyy village, Almaty Province.

Reportedly, Mr Kozlov received a punitive measure and was sent on 17 July, 2015 to 10-day long solitary confinement for allegedly breaking prison rules and threatening other inmates with aggressive behaviour. As a sign of protest, soon after, Mr Kozlov began a hunger strike, which he ended following the visit of a National Preventive Mechanism delegation to the detention facility on 21 July, 2015. As the solitary confinement punitive measure was reviewed, he was then subsequently sent to a strict-regime part of prison for a period of 6 months.

As a member of the Bureau of an international organisation that is tasked with monitoring human rights issues in its Member States, I would highly appreciate, Your Excellency, if you could update me on the issue and provide me with more detailed information.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'I. Dobešová', with a flourish above it.

To: H.E. Mr. Serzhan ABDYKARIMOV
Ambassador of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the Czech Republic