

I am writing this letter to express my deep concern about the threats and recent assault on Nazlie Bala.

I urge the Kosovo Police to intensify their investigations and the State Prosecutor to ensure that an independent, impartial and thorough investigation is carried out into the assault, the threats made against Nazlie Bala, and other women human rights defenders.

I also urge the State Prosecutor to provide immediate and appropriate protection to Nazlie Bala, as set out in the Law on Witness Protection, and take further measures to guarantee human rights defenders their right to freedom of expression.

I call on the Prime Minister to ensure the government implements immediately in law, policy and in practice the provisions of the UN Declaration on human rights defenders.

Thank you for your prompt attention to the above.

Sincerely Yours,