

I respectfully call on the Russian authorities to drop the charges against Evdokia Romanova as they stem solely from the peaceful exercise of her right to freedom of expression.

I further urge the authorities to abolish the “homosexual propaganda law” as it contravenes with Russia’s international obligations to respect the right to freedom of expression.

I strongly urge the authorities to end their targeting of the LGBT Community in Russia through discriminatory laws, policies and practices.

Sincerely yours,