

I am writing this letter to express my grave concern for the journalist and human rights defender, Victor Korb, who is being prosecuted for “public justification of terrorism” on account of publishing the last plea of the person he defends. He quoted the view of Boris Stomakhin, who was convicted for “public justification of terrorism” in 2015, on his website.

I urge you to immediately drop the charges against Victor Korb as he is being prosecuted solely for the peaceful exercise of his right to freedom of expression as a journalist and human rights defender.

In accordance with its international obligations, Russia must ensure that journalists can carry out their function of commenting on public issues, informing public opinion, and conveying information and ideas without threats, harassment or intimidation, and are not prosecuted for expressing views that do not constitute incitement to violence.

Thank you very much for your attention.

Sincerely yours,