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Dear Major General,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the worrying health situation of Edem Bekirov, who is currently held in the Simferopol SIZO since his detention on 12 December 2018. Edem Bekirov has a number of serious medical conditions, including diabetes, an open wound on his amputated leg, and heart problems after a heart attack, that require specialised and constant medical care that is not available in the detention centre. Moreover, he is held in conditions that are not suitable for a person with a disability, and as a result he is deprived of regular access to fresh air and proper access to sanitation. Despite this, on 3 July a court rejected Edem Bekirov's appeal to review his pre-trial detention.

On 19 June, Edem Bekirov was temporarily transferred to a hospital to be examined by a cardiologist and an endocrinologist. Edem Bekirov's lawyer believes this was a way for Russia to comply with a decision by the European Court of Human Rights granting interim measures in favour of Edem Bekirov on account of his deteriorating health. Edem Bekirov's lawyer, who contacted the detention centre's medics after his client was returned from the hospital, reported that he was not allowed to see the actual results of the examination. The lawyer also added that Edem Bekirov requires an examination by a neurologist, an orthopaedist, and a lung specialist to fully assess his health condition.

The conditions in which Edem Bekirov is kept, including non-provision of the medical care he requires, violate his human rights, put his life at risk and amount to inhuman and degrading treatment.

Yours sincerely,