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Dear President,

I am deeply concerned about the wellbeing of blogger and human rights defender Nafosat Olloshkurova, and I urge you to immediately raise her case with the Prosecutor General.

Nafosat Olloshkurova was one of 14 people detained when police broke up a peaceful protest march from Khorezm to Tashkent on 23 September. Nafosat Olloshkurova had been monitoring the march and covering developments on Facebook under her pen name Shabnam Olloshkurova. She was filming the police's intervention when they detained and beat her.

Nafosat Olloshkurova was sentenced to 10 days' administrative detention in contravention of Article 29.2 of the Administrative Code of Uzbekistan that stipulates that administrative arrest cannot be applied to mothers of children younger than three years old and to single mothers of children up to 14 years old. On 26 September Nafosat Olloshkurova was forcibly placed in a psychiatric hospital in Urgench after a "suicide attempt", according to police records. On 30 September the administrative court of Urgench approved the request by the Prosecutor General's office to transfer her to a psychiatric hospital for two months. Nafosat Olloshkurova has not been given access to a lawyer and her family have not been able to conduct private visits with her; her brother has been allowed to see her briefly on the ward, but always in the presence of police officers, medical staff or government officials.

I urge you to Call on the Prosecutor's General's office to:

- Release Nafosat Olloshkurova immediately;
- Ensure that Nafosat Olloshkurova is not subjected to any forced treatment while in detention, and that she has access to adequate and necessary health care while in detention, based on her informed consent.

Yours sincerely,