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Dear Prosecutor General,

I am deeply concerned about the arbitrary detention of activist **Lilia Chanyшева**, who has been transferred from her hometown of Ufa to pretrial detention in Moscow, following her arrest on 9 November on charges of “establishing or leading an extremist association”.

Lilia Chanyшева is being prosecuted because of her role as former regional coordinator of “Navalny’s headquarters” in Ufa, where she essentially conducted peaceful social and political activities which cannot be considered as “extremism”.

Lilia Chanyшева has committed no internationally recognizable crime and is just another victim of the authorities’ crackdown on Aleksei Navalny’s associates and supporters. Her prosecution is unfounded and politically motivated and violates her rights to freedom of expression and association.

In the light of the above, I urge you to take all the necessary steps to ensure that Lilia Chanyшева is released immediately and that all charges against her are dropped.

Yours sincerely,