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Dear Prosecutor General,

I am writing to demand the immediate disclosure of the fate, whereabouts and well-being of Mariano García Calatayud, a 75-year-old Spanish volunteer humanitarian worker who was abducted by the Russian forces while they were occupying Kherson, Ukraine, in March 2022. The correspondence between his lawyer and the Russian Black Sea Fleet's Military Prosecutor's Office confirms that for over a year, he was detained without charges, and that as of April 2023 he was held incommunicado in SIZO-2 detention centre in Simferopol. For a period of time, parcels ordered for him at this institution through the penitentiary service's online system were apparently delivered. However, the last parcel sent in September was returned with a note that he was not among the inmates. A letter from the Russian Black Sea Fleet's Military Prosecutor's Office received by his lawyer and dated 4 December 2023 states that Mariano García Calatayud had "left the territory of the Republic of Crimea" and crossed into Kherson region on 1 June 2023, and that the Prosecutor's Office has "no information about his whereabouts at present." The letter does not mention that he was released from detention, nor that he "left" Crimea voluntarily, but states that he is not regarded as a missing person.

I am concerned about Mariano García Calatayud's life, and his physical and mental integrity. I am aware that he suffers from a serious heart condition, and that there are credible reports that he has been tortured and otherwise ill-treated in detention by the Russian penitentiary authorities.

**I am writing to demand:**

- **an immediate disclosure of the fate and whereabouts of Mariano García Calatayud, including information as to who is holding him, in what location and in what status, and his immediate contact with his family and a lawyer of his choice;**
- **his immediate release and free and safe passage to a destination of his choice, so that he can be reunited with his family, unless he is charged with an internationally recognizable criminal offence and tried according to international fair trial standards;**
- **an immediate disclosure of the fate and whereabouts of all persons from Ukraine detained by the Russian forces, their immediate contact with their families and lawyers of their choice, and an immediate release of every person held in detention without legitimate legal grounds;**
- **an end to the practice of enforced disappearances by members of Russian security and military forces, and effective investigation and full accountability of anyone responsible or complicit in it.**

Yours sincerely,