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To

Mr Mogens Lykketofts
Speaker of the Danish Parliament

Dear Sir,

Taking into account that Denmark now holds the EU Presidency I would like to inform you about the illegal actions committed against freedom of expression by present business partner of IKEA, Lithuanian Company V.M.G.

On November 24 2011, a judge of the Pershamayski District Court in Minsk sentenced Mr Byalyatski, the leader of a human rights group called Vyasna (Spring) and vice president of the International Federation for Human Rights, to four and a half years in prison on a charge of large-scale tax evasion.

The charge stemmed from information about Mr Byalyatski's bank accounts abroad, which was provided by authorities in Lithuania. During his trial, Mr Byalyatski insisted that the money transferred by various foundations to his bank accounts abroad had been intended to finance Vyasna's activities and therefore could not be viewed as his income.

I wish to inform you regarding Mr Byalyatki's case. That this story is not an accidental slip of the Lithuanian Technical Services, issued the data (namely, the Lithuanian government insists) and a well-planned action, followed by IKEA's partner have the opportunity to realise a very profitable investment project in Belarus. The scheme was as follow:

A few days before delivery of data the Belarusian authorities have gifted for V.M.G. investment project in the Belorussian Mogilev region 77 million euros. This investment project financed by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

V.M.G. advised law firm Bernotas & Dominas Glimstedt via this firm's branch office in Belarus. The project was approved and any such projects in Belarus cannot proceed without the personal approval of President Lukashenko.

A few days later the wife of Mr Bernotas, Ausra Bernotiene who then worked at the Ministry of Justice of Lithuania in the position of Director of Department of International Cooperation, puts a fatal signature on the petition of Belarus to transfer bank data of Mr Byalyatski and other human rights defenders. Indeed it was a cynical exchange, where the data were transferred to the Belarusian dissidents in exchange for permission to sell the Lithuanian Company V.M.G. permit from Minsk who waited eighteen months.

In addition to that incident, I would like to inform you regarding the illegal action committed by representatives of the Company V.M.G. against my publishing house KRONIKA in Lithuania.

I have 5 different criminal cases filed on that company for the injuries, they (the representatives of V.M.G.) made to my publishing house KRONIKA. The case numbers are: 37-1-0217-03 (2003), 37-1-0014-05 (2005), 37-1-0070-05 (2005), 37-1-0043-06 (2006), 64-1-00797-06 (2006). These crimes are committed by executives of GIRIU BIZONAS before IKEA bought GIRIU BIZONAS.

Investigations started in Lithuania. Therefore not only was the public prosecutor was interested about this illegal action, but also Colonel V.Pociunas, Lithuanian Security Service (DGB) was interested too. The V.M.G. Company are trying to stop my case without any proper investigation.

Unfortunately by August 2006, Colonel V.Pociunas died accidentally by falling from the ninth floor from one of the hotels in Belarus and since then the investigation has lost its momentum.

I have sent our petition to the European Parliament about the illegal actions committed against freedom of expression. On 06/02/2006 the Chairman of the European Parliament Committee Mr Martin Libicki stopped, without any reason petition (number 0760/2005).

I am sure that if this petition would be considered in Brussels as it should be, Mr Belyatsky would have been free now.

At present my case number 71863/10 is pending before the European Court of Human Rights.

Please pay attention to this case. I would appreciate all of your help and assistance in this matter and I will be pleased to give you all the documents I have.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

Aleksandr Minin