Botschaft der Rep. Kasachstan

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Dear Mr Mukhtar Tileuberdi,

I am writing to you regarding the prosecution of Alnur Ilyashev, a human rights activist from Almaty. Alnur Ilyashev is a prisoner of conscience and he should be immediately and unconditionally released. Alnur Ilyashev was arrested on 17 April 2020, and is being charged with spreading “false information” that “threatens public order” and causes “substantive harm” to “protected interests of society” during the state of emergency in connection with his critical posts on social media about the ruling Nur Otan party. In light of the above I urge you to contact th Prosecutor General of the Republic of Kazakhstan and achieve the following:

 Terminate criminal proceedings against prisoner of conscience Alnur Ilyashev and order his immediate and unconditional release;

 Investigate abusive use of force by police officers during the search of Alnur Ilyashev’s home and the house of others associated with him;

 Ensure that every person in Kazakhstan can exercise their right to freedom of expression and end any abuse of human rights in Kazakhstan in the context of COVID-19 pandemic.

Yours sincerely,