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Dear President,

I am writing to draw your attention to the case of Ukrainian film director **Oleg Sentsov**. I would like to ask you to release him immediately. He has peacefully opposed the Russian occupation and annexation of Crimea and was convicted on politically-motivated charges. Oleg Sentsov was sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment on 25 August 2015 by a military court. His co-defendant Aleksandr Kolchenko was also sentenced 25 August 2015 by the same court to 10 years in a strict regime labour camp for "committing terrorist acts". Both men were convicted after unfair trials. Their conviction was based on testimony obtained through the use of torture.

I also urge you to ensure that all allegations of torture and other ill-treatment by the defendants, witnesses and their lawyers are investigated immediately, effectively and impartially.

Yours sincerely,

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