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Dear Prosecutor General,

Elena Milashina is facing death threats, intimidation, and physical attacks and there are serious concerns over her safety.

Since the publication of her article in *Novaya Gazeta* on 15 March 2021, "I served in the Chechen police force and I didn't want to kill people", her situation has worsened and Chechen officials began a defamation and intimidation campaign against Elena Milashina and *Novaya Gazeta*.

Those who have threatened and attacked Elena have acted with impunity. The risk to her safety is increasing.

I therefore ask you to ensure that Elena Milashina is protected from attacks and intimidation and can continue her journalism and vital human rights work safely and without threats or fear of reprisals;

Please also launch an immediate, effective and impartial investigation into threats against Elena Milashina and *Novaya Gazeta*;

A further investigation is urgently needed into the allegations exposed by Elena Milashina's journalism of unlawful arrests, torture, and extrajudicial executions carried out by officers of Chechnya.

Yours sincerely,

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