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High Commissioner for Human Rights of the Russian Federation

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Madam High Commissioner,

As a member/sympathizer of ACAT-Switzerland, I am writing to ask you to take urgent action on behalf of nurse **Irina Danilovitch**. She was arbitrarily detained following an unfair trial in Crimea in December 2022, in retaliation for criticizing the healthcare system and exposing corruption. She was initially sentenced to seven years' imprisonment. This sentence was reduced by one month following an appeal lodged in June 2023, but her sentence was upheld.

As part of this appeal, the court rejected her request for a postponement of the hearing due to her health problems, insisting that she was fit to attend. The authorities arranged for Irina Danilovitch to attend the hearing online, despite her difficulties in following the proceedings due to her hearing problems.

Irina Danilovitch is currently detained in the Simferopol SIZO-1 center and has been suffering from severe ear pain and migraines for months. The prison authorities have deprived her of proper medical care, and she has now lost most of her hearing. Irina Danilovitch was taken to hospital where doctors ordered medical examinations and further treatment in March 2023, following her hunger strike to protest against the deprivation of healthcare. However, the authorities continue to deny her access to the care she needs, which may amount to torture or ill-treatment.

Irina Danilovitch's state of health has deteriorated and her life is in danger, as the authorities have refused to provide her with adequate care and have mistreated her during her imprisonment.

**I therefore ask you to take all necessary steps within your authority to ensure that:**

* **Irina Danilovitch be released immediately and unconditionally;**
* **Be acquitted and cleared of all false charges against her;**
* **Urgently receives appropriate care while awaiting release;**
* **Be protected from torture and other forms of ill-treatment;**
* **All those allegedly responsible for the conditions of his detention and deprivation of medical care be held accountable in a fair trial.**

Please accept, Madam High Commissioner for Human Rights, the expression of my highest consideration.

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