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*Excellencies,*

As a Member of the Polish Parliament, I would like to express my deepest concern about the situation of Mr Muratkhan Tokmadi.

Mr. Tokmadi was arrested on June 12, 2017 in his home during the operation conducted by special forces of the Republic of Kazakhstan. From that time, Mr. Tokmadi, his family, friends and employees have been subjected to disproportionate treatment by Kazakh law enforcement and governmental agencies with the intent to elicit testimonies by the means of intimidation, prolonged interrogation and arrests. The purpose of the unlawful pressure and persecution of Tokmadi's family is to obtain fabricated testimony against the Kazakhstani businessman and politician Mr Mukhtar Ablyazov. Mr Tokmadi is being coerced to confess to the murder, committed 13 years ago, allegedly on the instruction of Mr. Ablyazov. Thus, Ms. Dzhamilya Aimbetova-Tokmadi, the wife of the detainee, has been threatened with the criminal prosecution based on the refusal to provide false statements about her husband and forced to leave the country due to the well-founded fear for her life. It is even more warring to learn that Mr Berik Imankaliyev, one of the distant relatives of Tokmadi's family, was subjected to torture and forced to give confession in fact a word-for-word copy of the written charges against Mr Tokmadi. It is unacceptable practice that Mr. Tokmadi's lawyers were threatened with the revocation of their professional licenses in case they continue to defend their client.

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In December 2016, by the decision of the French State Council, the case of Mr Ablyazov was declared politically motivated. In July 2017, the General Secretariat of INTERPOL recognized the case of Mr Ablyazov as politically motivated and excluded his files from the database.

I urge the parties involved to abide by the international standards and terminate unlawful practices against Kazakh citizens.

Sincerely yours,

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