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Your petition, filed in the interests of Ukrainian citizens: O. Sentsov, A. Kolchenko, G. Afanasyeva and A. Chirniy has been considered by the General Prosecutor's Office of the Russian Federation.

The conducted inspection has not confirmed the accuracy of the presented statements regarding the illegal detentions and criminal prosecutions of the aforementioned persons, unjustified adoptions of a form of restraint as regards their incarceration, or the use of violence by the Russian FSB workers.

In accordance with the agreement between the Russian Federation and the Republic of Crimea on the inclusion of the Republic of Crimea in the Russian Federation and establishment of new federal subjects within the Russian Federation, residents of the Republic of Crimea are considered Russian citizens and receive all relevant rights, should they have failed to express their desire to retain the citizenship of another state within the specified time limit, laid down in the said agreement.

Of the aforementioned persons, such a statement was filed only by defendant A. Chirniy, who, as a citizen of Ukraine, has been provided by the investigative body with an opportunity to execute his right to consular protection.

The accused O. Sentsov, A. Kolchenko and G. Afanasyev have not filed any such statement, and therefore, in accordance with Russian law, they are considered to be Russian citizens.

Therefore, there is no basis to take the measure of prosecutorial response.

Deputy Head of the Department
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