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Re: Appeal for clemency of detained lawyer Mariana Ivelashvili

Mr President,

I am writing to you again on behalf of the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE), which, through the national Bars and Law Societies of the Member States of the European Union and the European Economic Area, represents around one million European lawyers. In addition to membership from EU bars, it has also observer representatives from a further eleven European countries' bars.


Further to our letter dated Tuesday 21st December 2010, where we detailed the regrettable situation facing several lawyers in Georgia, harassed in the legitimate exercise of their professional duties, we are writing to express our serious concerns over the case of lawyer Ms Mariana Ivelashvili.

Ms Mariana Ivelashvili is currently detained in Prison No. 9 in Tbilisi and according to the information received, she is suffering from cholestasis, an illness which has very serious and life-threatening consequences. It appears that she, consequently, also has severe fever and is having great difficulty eating. Especially worrisome is that fact that her health is rapidly deteriorating and we fear the worst.

It is therefore on humanitarian grounds that we urge you to consider the situation facing Ms Mariana Ivelashvili with due attention and we graciously entreat you to grant her clemency.

We also again urge the Georgian government to take effective steps to ensure that all threats against lawyers are stopped in order to preserve the independence and integrity of the administration of justice in Georgia.

Yours sincerely,



JOSÉ-MARÍA DAVÓ-FERNÁNDEZ
President