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Object: Information Request – Violation of the rights of advocates in Ukraine

Dear Mr Pshonka,

We refer to our letter of 10 December 2009, regarding the violations of human rights of three advocates: Demianov Ihor and Abasova Alia in Khmel'nitsk region and Shestac Valentyn in Donetsk region.

In the letter, we expressed our concern on the reported human rights violations of these advocates and urged Ukrainian authorities to take immediate and effective steps to ensure the rights of advocates in order to preserve independence and integrity of the administration of justice. We have attached our letter of 10 December 2009 for your information.

In February 2010, the CCBE received a letter No.04/2/1h-10 from the Office of Public Prosecutor of Cherkassy region indicating that our letter of 10 December 2009 has been forwarded to the Office of Public Prosecutor of Khmel'nitsk region. We have attached reply from the Office of Public Prosecutor of Cherkassy region for your information.

The CCBE has tried to get more information on the outcome of the investigations by phone but was advised to send a written request. The CCBE contacted the Prosecutor General of Ukraine last August, asking for a reply to the letter of December 2009, but until now we have not received any reply regarding these cases.

We would greatly appreciate if you could inform us as soon as possible about the state of play and/or outcome of the investigations regarding the above-mentioned advocates.

Yours sincerely,



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CCBE President