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Dear President,

I am writing to you to express my deep concern about the risk that hundreds of thousands of people in the Dominican Republic, mainly of Haitian descent, may be deprived of their nationality.

I urge you not to implement the constitutional ruling in respect to the country's international human rights obligations.

I call on you to take all necessary measures, including legislative, to grant Juliana Deguis Pierre and other individuals of foreign descent access to the identity documents necessary for them to be able to exercise their human rights.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Minister,

I am shocked to learn that women, men and children seeking refuge in Europe are being pushed back to Turkey at the Greek border. Many of those returned are fleeing conflicts in countries such as Syria and Afghanistan.

Such push-back operations are unlawful and often dangerous. I am also concerned by reports of violence and ill-treatment by Greek officers during these operations.

Irregular migrants and refugees who make the perilous journey to Greece are invariably detained for prolonged periods, often in poor conditions, in violation of international standards requiring detention to be used as a measure of last resort.

I am well aware that the large influx of migrants and asylum-seekers into Greece presents real challenges for your country. I therefore support Amnesty International's calls for more assistance to Greece from other EU member states and greater responsibility sharing between them. However, there can be no excuse for the human rights violations committed by members of the Greek border police and coastguard.

I urge you to:

- Immediately halt the unlawful push-back of migrants and refugees on Greece's borders with Turkey, investigate allegations of collective expulsions and ill-treatment, and prosecute those involved;
- Ensure that all those intercepted at the borders are treated in compliance with international standards including access to individualized procedures which enable them to lodge asylum applications and raise other immediate protection needs;
- Respect the right to liberty by ending indiscriminate and prolonged detention of irregular migrants and asylum-seekers; and use alternatives to detention where necessary

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Minister,

I kindly demand to strengthen protection provided to Father Solalinde and other staff at the shelter in Ixtepec, in strict accordance with their wishes and agreements reached as part of the measures called for by the Inter-American Commission of Human Rights.

Furthermore, I demand that the Public Prosecutor's Office at federal and state level investigate threats made against Father Solalinde, identify the perpetrators of these threats and hold them to account, and that it provide a report on the findings of its investigations.

I call on you to give the Law for the protection of human rights defenders and journalists the full force possible, through developing implementing legislation in consultation with civil society, ensuring that all operational protocols are agreed and resources are in place to guarantee its effectiveness.

Finally, I kindly urge to take urgent steps to prevent attacks against migrants and migrant rights workers, and to guarantee the safety of all migrants staying at the shelter run by Father Alejandro Solalinde in Ixtepec.

Yours sincerely,

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Ref.: Tatiana Paraskevich in danger of torture if extradited

Dear Minister,

I urge the authorities to take all necessary measures to adhere to the Czech Republic's human rights obligations not to return Tatiana Paraskevich to Ukraine or Russia where she would be in danger of onward transfer to Kazakhstan and at risk of serious human rights violations.

Furthermore, I call on the authorities not to accept diplomatic assurances from Ukraine or Russia or any other country with a record of torture and other ill-treatment, because such guarantees are inherently unreliable and do not provide an effective safeguard against such human rights violations.

Yours sincerely,