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**Declaration on the Need
for the Release and Support
for Political Prisoners**

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We, representatives of the democratic forces of Belarus, declare the release of political prisoners in Belarus as our key priority.

The criminal and illegitimate Lukashenka regime is conducting systematic mass repression against the citizens of the Republic of Belarus. Thousands of Belarusians are currently imprisoned on political grounds, tens of thousands have experienced repression, and hundreds of thousands of their relatives and loved ones endure suffering and fear. All these people need help.

- We demand an end to all forms of repression and the release of political prisoners. It is crucial to achieve the release of each and every individual. Political prisoners on the humanitarian list must be released immediately. The release of absolutely all political prisoners is the ultimate goal that must be relentlessly pursued.
- We strongly condemn and demand an end to incommunicado detention, where prisoners are denied any communication with the outside world, and call for access to detainees.
- We strive to unite all efforts to release political prisoners and end repression in Belarus, using all necessary tools.
- We do not reject the use of various methods, including sanctions and diplomatic pressure on the regime, work on the humanitarian list, and humanitarian negotiations.
- We will continue to raise the issue of political prisoners at all possible platforms and formats, with both Belarusians and the international community.
- We call on everyone to support the repressed. Every step counts, such as a letter to a political prisoner, aid for the relatives of political prisoners, donations to solidarity funds, street rallies, artistic works, and other activities that draw attention to political prisoners in Belarus.
- We urge international organizations and individuals around the world to support our efforts to free political prisoners in Belarus.

Freedom to political prisoners!