**Abs: Ort, Datum:**

**An:**Botschaft der Russischen Föderation
S. E. Herrn Sergei Nechaev
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Dear Prosecutor of Nizhnii Novgorod Region,

I am writing to express my deepest concern about the ongoing unfounded criminal prosecution of civil society activist Mikhail Iosilevich. He is charged with cooperation with an "undesirable organization", threatening a "witness" in his case and failing to inform the authorities of his second citizenship. His trial started on 29 December in Sovetskii District court of Nizhnii Novgorod.

Mikhail Iosilevich is being targeted for his peaceful activism and for the peaceful exercise of his right to freedom of expression and association.

I urge you to ensure that Mikhail Iosilevich’s unfounded criminal prosecution is terminated, and he can continue his peaceful activism without fear of reprisals.

Yours sincerely,