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Dear Human Rights Commissioner,

**I am drawing your attention to the situation of human rights activist Tofik Abdulgaziev, imprisoned in LPU-3 in Chelyabinsk oblast, after being convicted in an unfair trial by a military court, under politically motivated charges.**

On 6 May 2024, an independent health professional analyzed the results of the official penitentiary medical examination of Tofik Abdulgaziev and concluded that he suffers from tuberculosis, bilateral pneumonia, chronic heart failure and other serious illnesses included in the list of «Serious illnesses preventing incarceration» according to the Resolution 54 of Russian Government as of 2 February 2004. Russian law provides for courts to grant release of prisoners suffering from them.

On 6 August 2024, Metalurgichesky District Court of Chelyabinsk denied the release of Tofik Abdulgaziev on health grounds.

Death in custody resulting from the deliberate denial of adequate health care amounts to arbitrary deprivation of life, which is a grave violation of international human rights law. Tofik Abdulgaziev must be re-leased immediately on health grounds and allowed transfer to a medical facility of his choice to receive all the treatment and health care he requires.

**I urge you take all steps within your authority to ensure that Tofik Abdulgaziev is released immediately on health grounds, is urgently provided with the health care he requires, and all those responsible for the conditions of his detention and denial of medical care are held accountable.**

Yours sincerely,

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