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Yulia Tsvetkova

Dear Prosecutor General,

I am writing to you concerning artist and activist Yulia Tsvetkova from Komsomolsk-on-Amur. She is facing charges of "production and dissemination of pornography" (Article 242(3b) of the Russian Criminal Code) for her drawings of the female body. Her trial is expected to start soon, after 14 months of criminal investigation.

Yulia Tsvetkova has been continually targeted since 2019 for her activism for women's rights and the rights of LGBTI people. She has faced three administrative proceedings under the homophobic Article 6.21 of the Code of Administrative Offences ("propaganda of non-traditional sexual relations among minors").

Yulia Tsvetkova also been repeatedly targeted by homophobic individuals, harassed and received threats over the phone, via social networks, and by mail, since the criminal case against her was opened. Her mother has also been receiving threats, including threatening calls, from unknown individuals.

Yulia Tsvetkova has committed no offence and is being relentlessly persecuted for exercising her right to freedom of expression through her drawings and as part of her human rights activism. By prosecuting Yulia Tsvetkova the authorities are violating both Russia's Constitution and their obligations under international human rights law.

In the light of the above, I urge you to end all criminal and administrative proceedings against Yulia Tsvetkova and to take all necessary steps to ensure the harassment of Yulia Tsvetkova and her mother stops.

Yours sincerely,

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