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Ambassador Anatoly Antonov  
Embassy of the Russian Federation  
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USA

Dear Ambassador,

I am writing to you concerning politician, opposition leader, and prisoner of conscience **Aleksei Navalny**, who has been given nine years in a "strict regime penal colony" in a fraud case. Amnesty International reviewed the documents and concluded that this prosecution is politically motivated and based on arbitrary application of law. The charges strive to criminalize Navalny's own and his colleagues' peaceful and legitimate anti-corruption and political activism.

Navalny has been in prison since his arrest on 17 January 2021, when he was sent to prison for two years and eight months for purported "violation of [his] probation terms". The "violation" consisted in Aleksei Navalny's failure to report regularly to a probation officer, as part of his non-custodial sentence, which he could not do while he was receiving life-saving treatment abroad following his poisoning in Russia.

This prosecution violates Aleksei Navalny's rights to freedom of expression, freedom of association and a fair trial. As a state party to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the European Convention on Human Rights and other treaties which guarantee these rights, Russia is in violation of its international obligations and must stop this prosecution.

I urge you to use your authority to ensure Aleksei Navalny's immediate and unconditional release and launch an investigation regarding the reports of arrests, beating, and torture of Navalny's team members.

Please ensure that all peaceful protesters and Navalny's supporters who are facing trumped-up criminal charges that stem from their support of Navalny's organization are freed and their sentences are quashed.

Yours sincerely,

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