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**BELARUS**

Dear Ms. Chupris,

On March 16, 2018, the then 17-year-old Vladislav Sharkovsky was arrested on the street without a warrant and taken to a police station.

He is accused of belonging to an organized group that carries out illegal activities.

Despite the lack of evidence and knowledge about this group, Vladislav Sharkovsky was sentenced to ten years in prison on September 4, 2018 in an unfair trial for minor drug-related offences. The sentence was later reduced to eight years and two months.

There are reports that Belarus' anti-narcotics policies are subject to disproportionate surveillance of children and young people.

Thousands of minors are serving lengthy prison sentences for minor, nonviolent drug offenses. There they face human rights violations and poor prison conditions.

Dear Ms. Chupris, please release Vladislav Sharkovsky immediately. Quash his conviction. Also, release all minors serving sentences for nonviolent, minor drug offenses.

Yours sincerely