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Manaev

12 April, 2007

Dear Sir/Madam,

Enclosed please find a complaint from Mr. Oleg Manaev, received by the United Nations Office in Belarus. A brief summary of the complaint follows.

Mr. Manaev, chairperson of the NGO "Public Association 'Independent Institute of Socio-Economic and Political Studies'" (IISEPS), complains about closure of the Institute by the authorities for administrative violations of the law: IISEPS had no "legal address" that is necessary for every NGO in accordance with the national legislation; "opacity" of the IISEPS activities for the Ministry of Justice; and the use of a short name of the organization – "IISEPS" instead of "Public Association 'IISEPS'". Unregistered associations are legally forbidden in Belarus. Mr. Manaev claims that the closer of the Institute was done in violation of the right to association. Prof. Manaev has exhausted domestic remedies and requests to forward his complaint to the Human Rights Committee.

Mr. Manaev expects a reply to be sent to the following address:
LT-01116 Lithuania, Vilnius, Jogailos, 4, 5th floor, Glimstedt

We would be grateful if you also keep us informed.

Yours sincerely,

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