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Statement

**FREE ALLA ALEXANDROVSKAYA!
WE DEMAND RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN UKRAINE**

Ukraine continues to perform acts of legal arbitrariness and political blackmail.

Yet another victim of the outrageous pressure is a woman activist Alla Alexandrovskaya, a champion of the interests of the country's disadvantaged citizens, a member of four parliaments, an Honoured Citizen of the City of Kharkov, First Secretary of the Kharkov Regional Committee of the Communist Party of Ukraine. Unlawfully arrested on far-fetched charges of "encroaching on the territorial integrity and inviolability of Ukraine" she will have to spend months behind the bars.

Alla Alexandrovskaya has long been the target of a baiting campaign in the Ukrainian media. National-radicals have leveled groundless charges against her, threatened her and staged provocations not stopping short of attacking and beating her – all this being a part of so-called "decommunization" propaganda campaign. These Bandera-style actions grossly violate the country's Constitution, but the authorities have done nothing to stop these acts. The reason is that the ruling regime in Ukraine itself cracks down on all progressive forces in the country, persecuting the left.

A 68-year-old woman has serious health problems. Already under arrest Alla Alexandrovskaya suffered a hypertension crisis. Nevertheless she is still in pre-trial detention. The falsehood of the case is becoming ever more evident and the situation ever more intolerable.

We demand that the Ukrainian authorities immediately release Alla Alexandrovskaya from the Ukrainian Security Service incarceration.

We call on the world public opinion to support the courageous woman and rise to protect her against political persecution. We appeal to the international democratic organizations to demand from the Ukrainian authorities an immediate release of Alla Alexandrovskaya, strict adherence to the principle of supremacy of law, protection of democratic rights and freedoms of citizens.. We rely on solidarity of the international community and urgent steps to help her release.

FREEDOM FOR ALLA ALEXANDROVSKAYA!

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