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Dear Ms. Irma Inashvili,

The President of the European Commission, Mr. Jose Manuel Barroso has asked me to reply to your mail “declaration of protest” of 28 March 2011 in which you raise many important issues about the situation in the penitentiary system in Georgia. We are grateful for sharing your views with us and have taken note of them.

In the Annual Progress Report on Georgia in the framework of the European Neighbourhood Policy we report on inhuman and degrading detention conditions, often caused by overcrowding, and that this remains a major area of concern.

As you know the EU is involved in supporting reform of the Criminal Justice sector. In this context we work with the Government of Georgia to improve the penitentiary system.

Yours sincerely,



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