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Dear President Lukashenka,

On 24 November 2011, Ales Bialiatski, Chairman of Belarusian Human Rights Center Viasna and Vice-President of the International Federation for Human Rights, was sentenced by a court in Minsk to four and a half years in prison for "concealment of income on a large scale".

I believe his sentence is politically motivated and intended to obstruct his legitimate work as a human rights defender. Belarusian and international human rights organizations recognize him as a prisoner of conscience. Therefore I urge you to release Ales Bialiatski immediately and unconditionally and to stop the harassment and intimidation of human rights defenders.

Yours sincerely,

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