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To: **President of the Pridnestrovian Moldavian Republic  
Mr. Igor Smirnov**  
From: **NGO "Journalists' Club Asparez", Gyumri, Armenia**

#### **Application**

**Dear Mr. President**

Journalists' Club "Asparez", which is functioning in Gyumri, Armenia, having no other alternative, is applying to you in this very difficult situation, seeking your personal assistance in the issue of Mr. Ernest Vardanyan, a young, but already famous journalist, Armenian by nationality, who moved from our town to Tiraspol years ago and is based there now.

According to the information we have Ernest Vardanyan, after passing successfully professional qualification examinations in Moscow and New York has been registered in the human resources experts-list of the United Nations Organization to start working in the Russian department of the organization. He is looking forward to the corresponding invitation to start his work at UN. Vardanyan is a father of two children.

Having studied Ernest Vardanyan's activities, we dare to say that his arrest on April 7, 2010 is based on false arguments, the accusation on high treason is nonsense and invented, the young man has perfect education, brilliant knowledge and fair intentions to be accused in such mean crime. We consider that by such accusation the persons concerned are making an attempt to discredit the young journalist's biography. May be, there are some people who are too afraid of true journalistic criticism or free speech, or probably to someone's mind his national belonging doesn't correspond to the latter's bright professional progress.

We share the worry of E.Vardanyan's relatives living in Gyumri, numerous journalists and organizations about the fact that the life and health of the arrested journalist in the conditions of almost absolute informative isolation are seriously endangered.

Dear Mr. President,

At the same time, not wishing to doubt the professionalism of the legal specialists of Pridnestrovian Moldavian Republic, considering that the authorities of Pridnestrovian Moldavian Republic have enough professional skills and political will to unveil the truth, respecting the presumption of innocence of the accused, we ask to change the precautionary measure of Ernest Vardanyan and to create all conditions for conducting fair hearing.

April 22, 2010, Gyumri

On behalf of the NGO "Journalists' Club Asparez"

Council Chairman Levon Barseghyan