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Dear Minister,

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Geldy Kyarizov

I should like to bring to your attention the Urgent Action of Amnesty International, the third such in recent years, to beg you respectfully to allow Geldy Kyarizov to travel abroad for medical treatment.

I also ask that his family, who have Russian citizenship, may be allowed to leave the country. And I urge you to allow them respite from the constant surveillance, restriction of movement and the ban on phone calls and visits to or from their friends which has kept them in unnatural isolation.

Geldy, the breeder of Turkmenistan's national symbol Yanardag, is internationally acknowledged as a world expert on the Akhal-Teke horse, and also as a man of great personal integrity. He has been a staunch ambassador abroad for Turkmenistan and Turkmen horses. It is deeply saddening to his many friends around the world to see him come to such a pass. He is now in declining health, and his we will all greatly appreciate leniency towards him.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

