

To:

The President, the Prime Minister, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Minister of Justice, the Minister of Internal Affairs, the Minister of Labor and Social Policy of the Republic of Macedonia;

The embassies of Bulgaria, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, the Russian Federation, Slovenia, Spain, the United Kingdom and the USA in the Republic of Macedonia;

The President of the European Commission through Mr. Erwan Fouere, EU Special Representative in the Republic of Macedonia;

Members of the European Parliament;

The United Nations Resident Coordinator through Ms. Maria Luisa Silva Mejias, Office of the United Nations Resident Coordinator in the Republic of Macedonia;

The Chairman of OSCE through Ambassador Jose Luis Herrero, OSCE Spillover Monitor Mission in the Republic of Macedonia;

The Helsinki Committee in the Republic of Macedonia;

Media.

February 21, 2010

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are contacting you regarding the case of Mrs. Spaska Mitrova, a citizen of both, the Republic of Macedonia and the Republic of Bulgaria. This is an issue that has been a major concern of ours during the last eight months.

Mrs. Mitrova was arrested on June 29, 2009 by an unnecessarily spectacular operation of a disproportionately large group of police officers after she had been sentenced by the Macedonian Court of Justice to three months imprisonment after a trial stained by many irregularities. Mrs. Mitrova was sentenced for allegedly not allowing her husband to see their child after separating from him. To our knowledge this is the only case in the Macedonian judicial history that a mother was imprisoned for such a petty "crime".

