

Oslo, 30 January 2009

H.E. Sergey Vadimovich ANDREEV
Ambassador of the Russian Federation
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Your Excellency,

On behalf of the Norwegian Section of the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ), I wish to draw your attention to the attached press release which ICJ issued on January 20th regarding the killing of human rights lawyer Stanislav Markelov in Moscow on the previous day.

The ICJ respectfully requests the Russian Government to strongly condemn the killing of Mr. Markelov and implement adequate measures to protect lawyers and others human rights defenders under menace.

ICJ is an international NGO dedicated to the primacy, coherence and implementation of international law and principles that advance human rights and the rule of law. ICJ comprises 60 of the world's most eminent jurists and has a network of national sections and affiliated organizations.

The Norwegian Section of ICJ kindly asks you to submit this appeal to your Government and looks forward to receiving a response to the aforementioned from the relevant authorities.

Sincerely,

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