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Subject: The situation of Mr Azat Mifthakov

Madam Special Rapporteur,

On 4 November 2025, I submitted to you some information regarding the situation of the Russian mathematician Azat Mifthakov, a PhD student at Moscow State University, who is imprisoned in his country under conditions that have led to Russia being condemned by the European Court of Human Rights.

Like many organisations of mathematicians, our International Congress of Free Thought had at the time taken a stand in favour of his release.

This young man's prison situation has recently worsened, raising fears of the worst: he has been transferred to a detention facility located beyond the Arctic Circle, to which his wife, Elena Gorban, currently has no access. She fears for Azat Mifthakov's life and has once again asked us to ensure that the prison authorities of the Russian Federation are made aware of the interventions made on his behalf and of your own investigations, so as to protect his life and facilitate visits.

We hope that you will be able to provide Ms Elena Gorban and her supporters with this information, which she believes may have a positive impact.

On behalf of the AILP/IAFT

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