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Dear Fiona,

We welcome draft decision by the Compliance Committee on C/102 case. We fully support all draft findings as sent to us.

At the same time, we consider it is critical to reflect the importance of the findings on non-compliance (as stressed para.110 of the draft findings) in the *recommendations*. In particular, this could be done by phrasing positive obligations by the party concerned to address the non-compliance in question.

Therefore, we propose the following issues to be addressed or added into the recommendations:

- to set up a special body for quick reaction to the persecution of environmental activists (e.g. a special rapporteur which could quickly react to information about persecution or harassment of the environmental activists);
- to recommend the party concerned to take necessary individual measures to protect rights of the persons addressed by the case, in particular:
 - reconsider the deportation (entry ban) decision regarding A.Ozharovskiy;
 - to reconsider through a due court process the administrative convictions against persons addressed by the communicant and found to be subjects of persecution as a result of misuse of legislation by enforcement authorities (police);
 - to take necessary rehabilitation measures of persecution victims;
 - to compensate harassment victims their losses, including court expenses.

In addition, we ask Belarus to publish the decision and ensure its wide dissemination in Belarusian and Russian languages in Belarus.

with best regards,

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