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Russian Federation: Amnesty International and Greenpeace join forces on a cyber appeal for Grigory Pasko

Amnesty International and Greenpeace International are today launching a joint cyber appeal addressed to Russian President Vladimir Putin calling for the immediate and unconditional release of the journalist and environmentalist Grigory Pasko.

Grigory Pasko was sentenced to four years imprisonment in December 2001, accused of intending to pass on information to a foreign journalist that would "harm the battle readiness of the Pacific Fleet". Amnesty International and Greenpeace strongly believe that the conviction of Grigory Pasko was motivated by political reprisal for his exposure in 1993 of the practice of dumping nuclear waste by the Russian Navy into the Pacific Ocean.

Today, six years after the Russian Federation joined the Council of Europe, both organizations are calling on the Russian government to uphold its obligations under the European Convention for Human Rights to respect freedom of expression and to release Grigory Pasko.

To sign the cyber appeal and for more information on Grigory Pasko, please visit:

<http://web.amnesty.org/web/content.nsf/pages/gbrpasko> or

<http://act.greenpeace.org> or contact Amnesty International Germany on + 49 228 983 73306 or Greenpeace International on + 49 30 440 58960.

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