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Dear Human Rights Commissioner,

I am writing to express my grave concern about the case of a seriously ill and wounded Ukrainian prisoner of war combat medic, Artem Kolomiiets. He was captured in May 2022 in Mariupol, and his captivity was confirmed by International Committee of the Red Cross. He is held incommunicado in Perm and was subjected to torture and other forms of ill-treatment that caused his health condition to gravely deteriorate. According to recent testimonies of former POWs his life is at risk. Kolomiiets has dystrophy, constant headaches due to untreated contusions, his legs are swollen and purple in colour, his eyesight and dental condition have deteriorated, he has severe back pain and asthma.

I urgently request you to take all steps within your authority to ensure that Artem Kolomiiets is released from captivity on health grounds and, pending his release, is treated humanely, provided with adequate healthcare, and guaranteed the right to correspondence.

All POWs who are gravely wounded or gravely sick, or whose mental or physical well-being is endangered by captivity, must be repatriated to Ukraine or accommodated in a neutral country.

I thank you for paying attention to this urgent case.

Yours faithfully,