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To whom it may concern.

Malmö Tingsret, the Swedish Ministry of Justice and The Swedish High Court is presently dealing with a case of extradition against the Rumanian yoga teacher Gregorian Bivolaru. I would like to draw your attention to his case.

Last year mr. Bivolaru was preventively arrested in Rumania accused of having had sex with a minor. I was at the time a member of the European Parliament serving on the Human Rights Committee and I was asked to talk to the Rumanian authorities about this arrest. I already personally knew mr Bivolaru and I felt convinced, that his arrest was politically motivated. The Rumanian authorities had to release mr Bivolaru but made it quite clear that they would come up with something eventually to arrest him again. I advised mr. Bivolaru to leave Rumania which he did when another warrant for his arrest was issued. He applied for asylum in Sweden where to his big surprise a request for his extradition was awaiting him and he was arrested accused of paedophilia, trafficking in woman and organised crime. Completely preposterous accusations against a spiritual leader who is recognised as such by thousands of people within and outside of Rumania.

If the Swedish authorities will extradite him, I am sure, that he will not get a fair trial and possibly his life will be in danger. Mr. Bivolaru is one of the few persons in Rumania who have dared criticize the Government for lack of democracy and corruption, and they want to get rid of him at all costs – especially now that Rumania wants to become a member of the European Union. I know for a fact, that normally Sweden does not give asylum to Rumanians, and therefore it is of great importance that organisations dealing with human rights should support his case.

Yours sincerely


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