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Dear Colleague

Please allow me to offer you, in connection with the information that you were assaulted by the police during a demonstration in Tbilisi, my sincere words of sympathy and to express my desire for a speedy return to full health.

I would like to assure you of our solidarity and support for your activities and for those of all the citizens of Georgia who are demanding respect for the principles of democracy and for human and civil rights.

As a country which saw the birth of the Solidarity movement, we all too well know the meaning of the desire for freedom and how much hard work has to go into the construction of a democratic state of law, which is why we are with you today and with the civil society of Georgia.

I would also like to inform you that I have made an appeal for the undertaking of specific measures in response to the recent events in Georgia to Mr Thomas Hammarberg, the Council of Europe's Human Rights Commissioner.

Yours
Janusz Kochanowski