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Mr. Thomas Hammarberg
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Dear Commissioner,

On number of occasions I have appealed regarding the breach of human rights by The Republic of Russia. With the current events in Georgia, country which we are now witnessing to be suffering the same fate as Chechnya, I would like to renew my appeal to you to take a stance on this. I appeal to you as a Commissioner of the Council of Europe not because I believe that such stance could change what is currently happening but because I strongly believe that as nominated protectors of human rights we have an obligation to speak out when basic rights to live, freedom and health are being so fundamentally breached. If you are planning to travel to the region at all then I should be grateful if you would allow me to accompany you on your trip.

Yours sincerely