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Dear Professor Diamandouros,

You may remember well my hesitance expressed in our discussion about the European Network of Ombudsmen. I should certainly be ready to admit that I was wrong in my skepticism if we would be able to raise our voice and call for an immediate cessation of hostilities in the territory of Georgia. Your personal authority would, in my view, have impact on the Russian Federation's readiness to act according to the European standards, as expressed, among others, by the principles of the Council of Europe. Would you be willing to represent all the ombudsmen of the European Union in this symbolic effort to stand for those people of Georgia whose rights are being violated and continually endangered?

It must be recalled that the use of violence always contradicts the founding principles of an order based on human rights and openly violates commitments to peaceful settlement of conflicts, which are essential for achieving the objectives shared by international community.

I would be very happy if I could offer you any help or assistance in carrying out the above-mentioned action, as well as any other actions which you might find appropriate.

With best regards