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Mr. Ullrich Galle
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Dear President Galle,

I firmly believe that all European ombudsmen who are gathered in the EOI should have their chance to raise our voice and call for an immediate cessation of hostilities in the territory of Georgia. We must not withdraw from our commitments to human rights and communicate to the authorities of Russian Federation our hopes concerning their 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 the members of the European Ombudsman Institute 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