

Adam Bodnar

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Ms. Maya Manolova Ombudsman of the Republic of Bulgaria

Dear Ms. Ombudsman,

it is with deep sympathy, that I learned about the attack on Mr Krassimir Kanev, Head of the Bulgarian Helsinki Committee that occurred on 27 October 2016.

In my capacity as the Commissioner for Human Rights of the Republic of Poland I would like to express my sorrow to Your Excellency regarding the abovementioned sad situation and ask whether You are about to take any actions in this matter. If this is the case, I would like to assure Your Excellency of my full support and readiness to act on Your side on this issue. I am well aware of the fact that we both agree that the defence of fundamental human rights is our paramount obligation.

I avail myself of this opportunity to extend the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,