Mr. Serzhan Abdykarimov
Ambassador of the Republic of Kazakhstan
to the Czech Republic

N30-52/740

Prague, 15 September 2015

Dear Mr Zdechovský,

I acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 1 September, 2015 on the criminal case of Mr Vladimir Kozlov.

Please find attached appropriate information on the issues which you raised in your letter.

I look forward to continuing our constructive and mutually beneficial cooperation in future.

Kind regards,

Enclosure: 1 page.

Mr Tomáš Zdechovský
Member of the European Parliament

Information regarding the criminal Mr Vladimir Kozlov

According to the Aktay city Court's verdict, today criminal Mr Vladimir Kozlov is detained in the Penal colony in Zarechnyi village, Almaty region.

National and foreign NGOs have unimpeded access to Mr Kozlov. He has been visited by the national and international representatives of the "Charter for Human Rights", "Aman Saulyk", "Human Rights Monitor Centre", OSCE Parliamentary Assembly's General Committee on Democracy, Human Rights and Humanitarian Questions, "International Club of Writers and Poets", "UN Association of Law and Global Convention" and other (in total Mr Kozlov had 26 appointments: 4 long term, 8 short term, 14 visits).

Due to Mr Kozlov's sickness (varicose veins of legs/varicosity) and his appeals, he has been medically examined and from June 25 till 9 July, 2015, received full medical care. Mr Kozlov had no any objections to a quality of medical treatment.

At the same time, Mr Kozlov has violated eight times the prison rules (he had mobile phone, cash money). Last time prison officers have found a SIM telephone card in his belongings.

For these systematic violations he has been recognized as a persistent offender of prison rules and received a reprimand. While reading this reprimand Mr Kozlov used spout obscenities and was threatening violence and physical attack to other inmates (to the heads of 6, 7 and 10 prison groups). As a disciplinary measure on 17 July, 2015, Mr Kozlov was put in a disciplinary cell for 10 days.

This disciplinary punitive measure has been checked by the Almaty region's Prosecutor Office which was recognized as legitimate and in line with the Criminal Code of Kazakhstan. This case was reported to the National Center for Human Rights.

As a sign of disagreement, on 20 July, 2015, Mr Kozlov began a hunger strike, which he ended following the visit of a National Preventive Mechanism delegation to the detention facility on 21 July, 2015.

Further, on 4 August, 2015, Mr Kozlov has sent to the Kapshagai city Court four complaints on the illegally imposed punitive measures by the prison administration. On 7 August, 2015, these complaints were considered and dismissed by the Kapshagai city Court.

According to the Article #72 of the Criminal Code of Kazakhstan, early conditional release for serious crime can be applied only after at least a half of sentence is passed. Thus, the right to use the formal term for early conditional release will come into effect only on 23 October, 2015.

According to the Article #96 of the Penal Code of Kazakhstan, Mr Kozlov's possible transfer to a low security institution (colony-settlement) does not apply.