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Attention:

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Dr. Adish MAMMADOV Embassy of the Republic of Azerbaijan in the Kingdom of Sweden

Your Excellency,

it has come to our attention that our colleague and partner journalist Khadija Ismayilova has been taken into custody in Baku, Azerbaijan.

Khadija Ismayilova is a well-known and respected reporter, who is currently cooperating with Swedish Public Service media on important stories yet to be published.

Several human rights organizations condemn the arrest, stating it is yet another intimidation in the two-year campaign to silence a journalist who has investigated government corruption and human rights abuses in Azerbaijan.

Swedish Television, SVT, takes the arrest of Khadija Ismayilova very seriously and urges the Government of Azerbaijan to respect the freedom of the press and we demand her immediate release.

Yours Sincerely,

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