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To the Government of Republic of Russia

The Danish Union of Journalists and Danish PEN are shocked and deeply appalled by the brutal murder of the prominent journalist and human rights activist, Anna Politkovskaja, in Moscow Saturday, October 7th.

The murder of Anna Politkovskaja underlines the lack of protection of free journalism in Russia.

We call upon the Russian authorities to investigate the terrible murder and to bring to justice the perpetrators of this horrific act.

Furthermore we demand that the Russian authorities investigate previous murders of and attacks on Russian journalists and ensure that journalists from outside are not longer denied visa to Russia.

We call on the Russian authorities to ensure that journalism will enjoy the necessary protection.

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