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Mr. Nils Melzer

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Dear Excellency,

Association "Promo-LEX" would like to draw your attention to the case of *Cosmin Sergheu* held in pre-trial detention in hospital - Penitentiary no. 18 from Ponoroi, a penitentiary institution that can not provide the proper treatment to keep the victim alive.

This case points out about the problem of excessive and unjustified use of pre-trial detention in Republic of Moldova, as well as the issue of insufficient provision of medical assistance in prisons endangers human lives.

Through the current appeal the victim kindly request urgent action in order to save his life, because he continue to be subject of torture through the fact that starting with 26 September 2017 until now, the extended pre-trial detention puts in peril his life.

In the context of the current appeal, we respectfully request that your office, urgently inquire into this matter and request the Government of Republic of Moldova to take all necessary measures in order to save the victim's life.