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Ambassador Lazăr Comănescu  
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Dear Ambassador Comănescu

*, dear Lazar,*

The case of Gregorian Bivolescu, a Romanian citizen who has been charged with serious criminal offences, has been brought to my attention. Mr. Bivolescu is currently in custody in Sweden as a result of an extradition warrant issued by the Romanian authorities. His supporters however claim that the charges against him are politically motivated, and that he is a victim of political persecution.

It is not my role to take a position on the merits of this particular case. The independence of the judiciary and the proper functioning of the legal system are however longstanding priorities of the Foreign Affairs Committee in its dealings with third countries. In this light, I would greatly appreciate your views on the allegations made in this case.

Yours sincerely

*Elmar*

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