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Mr. T. Lakhonin

Director National Central Bureau of Interpol  
Ministry of the Interior of the Russian Federation

Dear Mr. Director,

Pursuant to the European Convention on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters of April 20, 1959 and bilateral agreements in force between the State of Israel and the Russian Federation I seek legal assistance in criminal prosecution of Arkadi GAYDAMAK for the offences punishable under the jurisdiction of the judicial authorities of Israel.

The authorities of Israel have instituted legal proceedings against GAYDAMAK for money laundering and other grave offences that have made substantial damage to the state's interests.

Investigative actions in the case are being completed and the case is going to be brought before the court as soon as possible.

Wishing to avoid criminal responsibility GAYDAMAK spreads in the mass media false information about the high-ranking state officials of the country (including the State Attorney), insults them, accuses of committing offences and making substantial damage to the interests of Israel and its nationals.

By making such allegations GAYDAMAK seeks to destabilize political situation in the country, makes threats "to lead people" to fight those who breach the interests of people and do not protect the nationals.

Now GAYDAMAK has invited Mr. Zvi Magen, the former ambassador of Israel in Moscow, to take the position of a political adviser.

According to the information available GAYDAMAK alleges that Magen has friendly relations with the Russian President, has wide connections in the Russian political and business elite which he (GAYDAMAK) intends to use in the further fight for political leadership in Israel.

This information may be confirmed by GAYDAMAK's statements which sound as an appeal to overthrow the acting Israeli government.

Being aware that GAYDAMAK's actions are serious violation of the Israel's legislation, now possible issuance of a warrant for his arrest is under consideration.

I kindly ask you to check up through your channels the information about the connections of Zvi Magen with the Russian high-ranking officials and take appropriate steps to carry out the request for detention and arrest of GAYDAMAK. In addition, please clarify the point of view of the Russian Federation Prosecutor General's Office as to our request.

Sincerely yours,

Yitzhak Blum  
Deputy Director  
Department of International Affairs  
Office of the State Attorney  
Ministry of Justice