

**To Special Speaker of UN
on the Independence of Judges and Advocates**

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We inform you about the violation of lawyer's independence guarantees in Republic of Belarus fixed by the Basic Principles concerning the lawyer's function.

The 10th February 2011 The State Security Committee of Republic of Belarus in violation of the art.16 a) Basic Principles concerning the lawyer's function committed an unjustified intervention in action of a member of Minsk Bar Association Directory and advocate of ex-candidate for presidency Oleg Ageev.

Oleg Ageev is advocate of ex-candidate for presidency Ales Michalevich who was detained during the night from the 19th to 20th December and still being kept in CISO KGB. Michalevich is indicted for the criminal charge of organization of mass disorder.

[In interview given to The International Supervisory Mission officers](#) Oleg Ageev explained that today, the 10th February in legal consulting office of district Leninskiy of Minsk where Oleg Ageev works at 11 a.m. appeared a KGB officer to bring the letter for the chief of the consulting office. The text of the letter contained the demand to send the documents relating to the activity of advocate Ageev (including personal accounts) to the State Security Committee of Republic of Belarus. Considering the absence of any legal reason of such demand the KGB officer was refused with legal motivation and without receiving any advocate's document.

We, representatives of Belarusian human rights associations, notify you of the situation of exceeding control from the part of state authorities, intimidation and intervention undermining the bases of independent lawyer's activity.

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