

## Russian Ombudswoman's meeting with the CoE Commissioner for human rights

Dear colleagues,

This is to inform you about the meeting of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in the Russian Federation Ms. Tatiana Moskalkova with the Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe Ms. Dunja Mijatović.

With kind regards,

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On June 23, in a videoconference mode, High Commissioner for Human Rights in the Russian Federation Tatiana Moskalkova met with Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights Dunja Mijatović.

During the conversation, Tatiana Moskalkova told Dunja Mijatović about the activities of the High Commissioner during the pandemic. She told about the work of the hotline, as well as about the topics of complaints received by the Office of the federal ombudswoman.

"We looked at this topic in two main aspects. The first one is whether the state is taking sufficient measures to protect a person. And the second one is whether these measures are excessive," the federal ombudswoman emphasized.

The High Commissioner also noted that the main topic of appeals received during the first period of the fight against the pandemic was mainly related to the provision of personal protective equipment, COVID-19 testing within walking distance and emergency assistance.

"We received almost three thousand calls and electronic appeals regarding coronavirus," Tatiana Moskalkova said.

The High Commissioner also paid attention to the legal support of citizens in the context of the spread of coronavirus infection, as well as to the social protection measures adopted by the state.

Moreover, the federal ombudswoman spoke about the work on a special report on the protection of human rights in the context of combating the spread of coronavirus and about the work of a special monitoring group.

A number of high profiled cases were discussed, including: Alexander Vinnik, Konstantin Yaroshenko, Victor But and other Russian citizens while in custody abroad.

The Commissioners condemned the limitations of the Russian journalists' activities abroad, exchanged views on the problems of the Russian-speaking population in Baltic States and Ukraine.

The necessity of the protection of women's rights, the rights of persons deprived of liberty and the rights of human rights defenders has been highlighted.

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