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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Belarus to the United Nations Office and other International Organisations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and, with reference to the joint communication of the HRC's special procedures (UA BLR 7/2025), has the honour to transmit herewith the information of the Belarusian competent authorities in this regard.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Belarus avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.

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Comments by Belarus on the joint communication from the special procedures of the Human Rights Council

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The procedure and conditions for serving a sentence of imprisonment are set out in the Penalties Enforcement Code of Belarus, based on the type of correctional facility and conditions of the custodial regime specified in the court sentence. The conditions for serving sentences are organized in accordance with the requirements for enforcing criminal penalties.

When passing sentence, the court is guided not only by the severity of the crime committed, but also by mitigating circumstances, including the family status of the convicted person. A woman's status as a mother is an important factor in the court's decision, as it is directly related to the protection of the child's rights and interests.

On 19 September 2022, the Mahilioŭ Oblast Court sentenced Alena Lazarchyk to 8 years' deprivation of liberty to be served in an ordinary regime correctional colony, in accordance with articles 130 (3), 342 (1), 361-1 (1) and 368 (1) of the Criminal Code. In accordance with a court judgment of 27 March 2025, ██████████ was convicted under article 411 (2) (Persistent failure to obey the orders of the administration of a correctional institution enforcing prison sentences) of the Criminal Code for violations of the terms of her sentence and was sentenced to 1 year and 6 months of deprivation of liberty. The fact that ██████████ has a dependent minor child was recognized as a mitigating circumstance during her sentencing.

Persistent failure to obey the orders of the administration of a correctional institution is a separate crime and falls under the category of crimes against the administration of justice. Ensuring the conditions of detention of convicted persons and the procedure for serving sentences are subject to separate criminal law protection.

From 22 January 2023 to 27 March 2025, ██████████ served her sentence in Correctional Colony No. 4 and, since 4 June 2025, she has been serving her sentence in Correctional Colony No. 24.

While serving her sentence in Correctional Colony No. 4, ██████████ systematically violated the established procedure for serving her sentence and received 23 disciplinary penalties. In Correctional Colony No. 24, ██████████ has five outstanding penalties.

During her time serving her sentence in the colonies, ██████████ did not submit any applications regarding short-term or long-term visits or telephone calls. She sends and receives letters from her daughter and minor son.

The procurator's office found no violations of the law in the actions of the prison administration in relation to ██████████.

Lubov Valiuk was detained on 15 November 2024. While in pretrial detention, she received and sent correspondence to her brother on repeated occasions.

On 14 October 2025, the Hrodna Oblast Court sentenced ██████████ to 3 years' restriction of liberty in an open correctional institution and a fine of 500 basic units to be paid to the State under article 361-1 (3) of the Criminal Code. The preventive measure against ██████████ was changed to a written undertaking not to leave the area and a pledge of good conduct, and she was released from custody in the courtroom. At present, the court decision has not entered into legal force because an appeal and protest have been brought against it.

