**H :E Ilham Aliyev**

**President of Azerbaijan,**

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Dear Sir,

As ACAT Belgium supporter, I draw your attention to the case of the arbirarily detained, yet prominent Human right defender, **Anar Mammadli.**

**Anar Mammadli** was previously [imprisoned](https://click.mlsend.com/link/c/YT0yNDc0OTEyNjMwMDcwODQyNTE3JmM9bTl1OSZlPTE5MjgmYj0xMzE3MDE5MDQ1JmQ9ejhiMXcwdQ==.9-tb7eejYUhfgvX6E_FVXTk5KOcJmFH9HMNJqPKCEvw" \t "_blank) for his election-related work following the 2013 presidential elections in Azerbaijan. He spent two-and-a-half years in prison and was internationally recognised as a political prisoner. He also was awarded the prestigious Václav Havel Human Rights Prize, by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe in 2014. The European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) [found](https://click.mlsend.com/link/c/YT0yNDc0OTEyNjMwMDcwODQyNTE3JmM9bTl1OSZlPTE5MjgmYj0xMzE3MDE5MDU0JmQ9aDV1N2w3eA==.TXgTEsqtdGx2Ggi4VDaXR6frtRafWPG3fsvAcNT5GUE" \t "_blank) his detention to be politically motivated. However, despite persistent calls from the Council of Europe Committee of Ministers, Azerbaijani authorities still have [not fully implemented](https://click.mlsend.com/link/c/YT0yNDc0OTEyNjMwMDcwODQyNTE3JmM9bTl1OSZlPTE5MjgmYj0xMzE3MDE5MDU2JmQ9ZzNvNGc5dQ==.q0p6bnc4jOPV1rex3pAhEmJdrre-CcP84f240TzZ1NM" \t "_blank) the ECtHR judgement. Nor has Azerbaijan’s previous wrongful conviction of **Mammadli** been quashed to date, his civil and political rights have not been restored and he has not been compensated.

Therefore, I ask **Anar Mammadli’s** immediate and unconditional release.

I also call on the Azerbaijani authorities to:

* Drop all charges against **Anar Mammadli**;
* Respect Azerbaijan’s binding international obligations and implement the ECtHR judgement on *Mammadli group of cases* fully;
* Stop the persecution of independent voices in the country and unconditionally release all political prisoners;
* Respect and protect the rights of independent civil society and media in their legitimate role within society.

I trust you will share this call for more humanity.

Yours sincerely,

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Signature

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