

**To the Judge of the Minsk City Court, I.N. Ugnivenko**  
**Minsk City Court**  
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## **PETITION**

### **Case No. 33-1575/19**

The County Administrative Board of Stockholm, acting through the legal authorities of Sweden at the request of the legal authorities of Belarus, has on April 9 officially served me, Nicolas Cheropoulos, with a formal notification concerning the date of the court hearing regarding my appeal against the decision rendered by the Oktyabrsky District Court of Minsk on December 27, 2018.

I was never officially or legally informed of the initial hearing and was thus unaware that it had taken place.

Fortunately, the Minsk City Court, in full compliance with international law, has taken all necessary measures to ensure that I receive lawful service of notice that my appeal is scheduled to be heard on April 29, 2019, at the Minsk City Court building.

Between March 30 and April 2, 2019, I traveled to Belarus to visit my daughters and to congratulate my younger daughter, Alexandra, on her birthday on April 1. Immediately upon my return from Belarus, I received the aforementioned official notice. Unfortunately, I am unable to travel to Belarus a second time within the same month due to work-related and financial constraints.

I plan to travel to Belarus again on June 8 to visit my children and to congratulate my eldest daughter, Anthie, on her birthday. Until that time, I am unable to travel to Belarus.

Given the significance of the case being considered by the court—namely, that it concerns my beloved daughters—I respectfully wish to be present at the hearing in person to exercise my right of defense and to explain my position before the court. Not only as a respondent, but more importantly as a father fighting for the legal rights of his children and himself.

Therefore, I respectfully request that the hearing be postponed to a date closer to my next visit to Belarus, which will be between June 6 and June 10, 2019. This would allow me to be present in court and exercise my legal rights in accordance with the law.

This petition is being submitted urgently to the Minsk City Court through the official governmental authorities of both Sweden and Belarus, as well as via the court's email for expedited processing.

**Nicolas Cheropoulos**

Stockholm, April 11, 2019