

To the Minister of Health
of the Republic of Belarus
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To the Chairman of the Minsk City Executive
Committee A.A. Sivak

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On improper consideration
of the appeal

Since 2007, being in the territory of the Kingdom of Sweden, I lived together with the Belarusian citizen Liudmila Arkadeyevna Trafimovich. During our life together we have had two minor daughters – Anthoula Anthie Cheropoulou, born on June 08, 2012, and Alexandra Cheropoulou, born on April 01, 2015, who were born and permanently resided at the address: Sweden, Stockholm, Dansbanevägen 28, 126 31 Hägersten, before their removal to the Republic of Belarus on April 18, 2017, which was not agreed with me.

Currently, I have received information that my youngest daughter, Alexandra Cheropoulou, is hospitalized in one of the healthcare institutions subordinate to the Health Committee of the Minsk City Executive Committee (hereinafter - the Committee). Since I do not have reliable information, and the mother of the children refuses to give me information, I fear for her health in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In such circumstances, on May 11, 2020, I sent an electronic appeal to the Chairman of the Committee by e-mail in the prescribed manner (e-mail: kzmng@komzdrav-minsk.gov.by) with a request to provide me as a parent (legal representative) with information regarding the health care institution in which my daughter Alexandra Cheropoulou, born on April 01, 2015, is now hospitalized, as well as information about her state of health, providing for this an exhaustive document confirming the degree of kinship.

On May 20, 2020, I received an e-mail response (ref. No. H-16-13/4-2649 of May 20, 2020) signed by the First Deputy of the Committee D.V. Cherednichenko stating that in order to receive the requested information, I

should contact the Committee only **in person** with an identity document and documents confirming the degree of kinship.

In accordance with Part 7 of Article 46 of Law of the Republic of Belarus No. 2435-XII dated June 18, 1993 “On Health Care”, the provision of information constituting medical confidentiality to a parent (legal representative) is allowed upon request in the form of an electronic document. The legislation in force in the Republic of Belarus does not contain rules requiring a parent (legal representative) to be present in person at the Health Committee of the Minsk State Executive Committee to receive the above information.

Thus, in violation of Article 18 of the Law of the Republic of Belarus № 300-3 dated July 18, 2011 “On Appeals of Citizens and Legal Entities” (hereinafter - the Law), a written response signed by Mr. D.V. Cherednichenko is unreasonable and ungrounded, and I was absolutely illegally denied my legitimate appeal on far-fetched grounds

Moreover, the response of the **Health Committee** of the Minsk State Executive Committee not only contradicts the current legislation, but does not take into account both the epidemiological situation in the Republic of Belarus and the world as a whole in relation to the coronavirus infection pandemic, as well as my place of permanent residence in the Kingdom of Sweden.

Under such circumstances, in accordance with the requirements of Article 14 of the Law, I demand to immediately consider my appeal based on the merits and inform me in which health care institution my daughter Alexandra Cheropoulou, born on April 01, 2015, is currently hospitalized, as well as information about her health.

Annex: response of the Health Committee of the Minsk City Executive Committee, 1 sheet; documents confirming the degree of my kinship with my daughter Alexandra Cheropoulou.

Best regards,
Nikolas Cheropoulos
May 22, 2020