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President of Bulgaria  
Mr. Rosen Plevneliev

Prime Minister of Bulgaria  
Mr. George Bliznashki

Paris, 6 August 2014,

Mr. President,  
Mr. Prime Minister,

More than 6000 people have signed the petition "No to extradition to Russia of Nicolay KOBLYAKOV, activist for human rights!" on [change.org](http://change.org).

As you know, Nicolay KOBLYAKOV, human rights activist and member of Russie-Libertés, was released on his own recognizance on Friday 1st August 2014 by the Court on condition he does not leave the country. By separate hearing the independent Court will decide upon the extradition request and there is no will from our side to interfere in an independent decision of the Bulgarian justice system

However, we would like to attract your attention to the case of Nicolay KOBLYAKOV and on the necessity, in light of his militant activism and in respect of the European Convention on Human Rights to which Bulgaria is a party, to prevent his extradition to Russia.

It's the reason why we, and more than 6000 people, ask you not to extradite Nicolay KOBLYAKOV to Russia.

Please find attached to this mail the petition with more than 6000 signatures.

Best regards,

Alexis Prokopiev  
President of Russie-Libertés

## **No to extradition to Russia of Nicolay KOBLYAKOV, activist for human rights!**

On July 29, 2014 Nicolay KOBLYAKOV, activist of a Paris-based NGO Russie-Libertés, was detained at the airport in Sofia, Bulgaria. He faces extradition to Russia and prison.

Nicolay KOBLYAKOV is an active member of the association Russie-Libertés. He is a very engaged activist, as well as a member of the consulting board of the association, and has helped organise numerous demonstrations standing for freedom and human rights in Russia. In addition to activism, Nicolay KOBLYAKOV is engaged in a social field, his particular interest lies in services for elderly. Nicolay holds dual Russian and French nationality.

He was arrested on July 29, 2014 in Sofia, Bulgaria due to an extradition request from Russia. Today the reasons for the extradition request are unknown. Nevertheless, whatever reason is behind, his open engagement in activism and fight for human rights may lead to a major risk for Nicolay, if extradited to Russia. Due to the current situation, activists for freedom and human rights in Russia are frequently exposed to ruthless accusations provoked by political motives that often result in unfair trials, arbitrary sentences and ill-treatment in detention.

That is why we appeal to Bulgarian authorities not to extradite Nicolay KOBLYAKOV to Russia, as there is no guarantee that his treatment in Russia will satisfy the requirements of the European Convention on Human Rights, which Bulgaria, being a member state of the EU, is a party of.

We also ask the French authorities to mobilize their diplomatic means to prevent the extradition of Nicolay KOBLYAKOV, a French citizen, to Russia.