<u>Press Releases: Conviction of Five of Those Responsible for the Murder of Boris Nemtsov</u>

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We welcome the news that five of the persons responsible for the murder of Boris Nemtsov have been convicted of the crime. We call once more on the Russian Government to ensure that all involved in the killing of Boris Nemtsov, including anyone involved in organizing or ordering the crime, are brought to justice.

On February 27, 2015, Russians lost a champion of democracy and human rights when Boris Nemtsov was brutally murdered only steps from the Kremlin. A courageous advocate for the rule of law and transparency in government, Mr. Nemtsov was dedicated to advancing the rights of all his fellow citizens. Though Boris Nemtsov is gone, his patriotic spirit lives on in Russians young and old who seek to build a more democratic, prosperous and open Russia.

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