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To: Vsevolod Bogdanov, President, Russian Union of Journalists
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Dear friends,

We write to express our full support on behalf of the IFJ, representing 600,000 journalists in 120 countries, to the demonstration you will be holding on October 7th, the second anniversary of the brutal murder of Anna Politkovskaya.

We are well aware of the courageous stand taken by Russian journalists to bring to an end the horrendous killing of journalists in Russia, and journalists all the over world will never forget the grim toll of the scores of Russian journalists targeted, brutalised and done to death by the enemies of press freedom.

The loss of media lives on such a scale is hard to bear but we are determined to continue to honour those we have lost. In their name we can and should do everything we can to force the authorities to make journalism safer and bring to an end the injustice of impunity.

In solidarity,

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