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Call for the release of the Polish journalist, Mr Andrzej Poczobut, from a Belarusian prison

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We, parliamentarians of the member States of the Council of Europe, strongly demand the immediate release of Mr. Andrzej Poczobut from prison.

Mr. Poczobut is a correspondent of Polish daily Gazeta Wyborcza based in Belarus and an activist blogger respected by the Belarusian community. He was imprisoned by the Belarusian authorities because of his brave delivery of facts to mainstream media.

The people of the free Europe are aware of the great value of the freedom of press and will support the citizens of Belarus, who are fully entitled to exercise the same rights as us.

Signed (see overleaf)



*Signed*¹:

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