

Minister of Interior
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Dear Minister,

I urge you to publicly recognise and support the vital work of Vitalina Koval and others like her who peacefully defend the rights of women and LGBTI people in Ukraine. Please ensure they can exercise their right to freedom of expression and assembly without fear of attacks and reprisals.

I also urge you to ensure a prompt, effective and impartial investigation is carried out into the attacks on Vitalina and other activists by far-right groups on 8 March 2018 in Uzhgorod. Any person found responsible for the attacks must be brought to justice.

Yours sincerely