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**Open Letter by Steering Committee of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum on
the case of Fikret Huseynli**

The Steering Committee of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum appeals to you to facilitate the return of Fikret Huseynli, a journalist, to his place of residence in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, and to ensure his safety while he is on the territory of Ukraine.

On 2 April 2018, the Pecherski District Court of the city of Kyiv rejected a request for his extradition to Azerbaijan put forward by the Azerbaijani authorities (case No 757/15595/18k). However, the prosecutor's office has kept his passport, which means that he cannot return to his country of residence. We have reason to believe that he is in danger of being kidnapped while he stays in Ukraine. Were he to be illegally brought to Azerbaijan he would face a long prison sentence.

We consider that a decision by the authorities to return his passport would serve Ukraine's positive image as a law-abiding country.

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