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Dear Colleague,

I wish, first of all, to express my sincere esteem for the work you and your associates in the institution of the Ombudsman of Albania are performing.

I am convinced you have, the same way as I have, been informed of the recent report of the Special Rapporteur of the Council of Europe Mr. Dick Marty. The Report claims that a number of citizens of Serbian, as well as ethnic Albanian and other nationalities have been deprived of liberty and held in secret places in northern Albania by the "Kosovo Liberation Army" during and after the 1999 conflicts in Kosovo and Metohija. It further states that some of the most horrendous violations of human rights have been committed against those people, such as torture, disappearance and death, inhuman treatment and trafficking of the human organs. This undoubtedly calls for vigorous attention and seeks final verification at courts of law.

Knowing that all ombudsman share common values, but also similar constraints regarding prosecutorial and judicial institutions, I kindly ask you to act preventively and publicly stress the need to have the findings from the Report fully and impartially investigated, regardless of any political consideration.

I am confident that this would be of the utmost interest for the dignity of all citizens we strive to protect, that it would reinforce the universal and borderless nature of human rights and contribute to their respect as a condition for peace and prosperity in this region.

Yours respectfully,

OMBUDSMAN

Saša Janković