

Mr. Oleg Matkin
Department for the Execution of Punishments of the Ministry of Internal Affairs
Belarus

Oslo, April 14th 2023

Concerning the case of Andrzej Poczobut

Your Excellency,

The Writers in Prison Committee of PEN Norway is deeply concerned about the situation of writer and journalist Andrzej Poczobut. The committee will therefore ask the President of Supreme Court of Justice to overturn the conviction of PEN Belarus member Andrzej Poczobut, whom PEN International believes is being targeted and prosecuted for his views and writings critical of the Belarusian authorities. We demand his immediate and unconditional release, and for his sentencing and conviction to be overturned on appeal.

Pending his release, we urge you to meet international standards for the treatment of Andrzej Poczobut by providing access to adequate health care and regular communication with his family and lawyers.

Yours sincerely,

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