**Dmitry Ishevsky**

Ishevsky, Dmitry Vyacheslavovich is a retired officer in the Russian armed forces. On 10 October 2014 Mr. Ishevsky was sentenced by the Zamoskvoretsky District Court of the City of Moscow to 3 years and 2 months of imprisonment in a general-regime penal colony on the charge of crimes under Part Two of Art.212 of the Russian Criminal Code (“Participation in mass riots”) and Part One of Art. 318 (“Use of force against a representative of the authority”) in the “Bolotnaya Square” case. He has been in custody since 27 May 2014.

He is accused of interfering with arrest and allegedly throwing multiple unidentified solid objects at the police officers. He was forced to make a special agreement and admit guilt due to his family situation.

The “Memorial” Human Rights Center considers the prosecution in connection with the “Bolotnaya Square” case to be unlawful and completely groundless. We believe that the events on 6 May 2012 did not show signs of mass unrest; the evidence of guilt of the individuals involved, who were charged with using force against police officers, was grossly fabricated, and the investigation was biased and politicized in nature.

As a whole, the combination of the aforementioned violations and the blatantly political nature of the case allow us to regard the criminal prosecution of individuals involved in the events of 6 May, including Dmitry Ishevsky, as politically motivated.

The prosecution of Dmitry Ishevsky is carried out on the charge of an alleged offence that did not in fact take place, with violation of his right to a fair trial and the disproportionate use of pre-trial detention.

The recognition of an individual as a political prisoner does not imply that the “Memorial” Center agrees with their views and statements, nor does it imply that it approves of their statements or actions.