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The Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights wishes to express its concern regarding the proceedings held by the District Public Prosecutor's Office Warsaw-Praga in the case of Ludwika Wujec (file sign. V Ds. 126/07). Information regarding irregularities in conducting this case were included in the article by Piotr Machajski entitled "Defendant Ludwika W." published in the daily "Gazeta Wyborcza" (section "Gazeta Stołeczna") of 13 August 2007.

Ludwika Wujec is suspected of having received financial benefits in the amount of 20 thousand PLN at the turn of 1996 and 1997 in connection with serving the public function of Warsaw-Centrum Commune Secretary. The amount was supposedly paid out by W. Szelągowski operating on behalf of the company *Budimex Soft S.A.* in return for placing an order for a graphics work station for the commune office and favouring *Budimex Soft S.A.* while placing other orders.

Information made publicly available shows that the only evidence proclaiming Ludwika Wujec's guilt is the testimony and explanations presented by Iwona Zdanowska. We are concerned that the charges were preferred based on statements made by a person, who previously served a prison sentence for fraud and forgery, and who was demoted by the authorities of the commune Warsaw-Centrum in connection with irregularities in performing her professional duties. Furthermore, the statements made by I. Zdanowska contain serious contradictions, which

additionally reduce her credibility and have not yet been cleared up by the public prosecutor's office.

I express hope that actions will be taken in this case in order to thoroughly examine the evidence and once again assess the legitimacy of accusations made against Ludwika Wujec.

With kindest regards,

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