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Russia Cracks Down on Open Society

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LONDON—We are dismayed by the decision of Russia’s Prosecutor General’s Office today to classify the Open Society Foundations as an “undesirable” organization.

Contrary to the Russian prosecutor’s allegations, the Open Society Foundations have, for more than a quarter-century, helped to strengthen the rule of law in Russia and protect the rights of all. In the past, our efforts have been welcomed by Russian officials and citizens, and we regret the changes that have led the government to reject our support to Russian civil society and ignore the aspirations of the Russian people.

Since 1987, Open Society has provided support to countless individuals and civil society organizations, including in the fields of science, education, and public health. Open Society has helped finance a network of internet centers in 33 universities around the country, helped Russian

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In the face of the prosecutor’s decision to classify the Open Society Foundations and the Open Society Institute Assistance Foundation as “undesirable,” we are determined to continue to

support those who seek our assistance in accordance with our mission and within the limits of the law.

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Our Commitment to an Open Society in Russia

It has been more than a quarter-century since the Open Society Foundations began work in Russia to support the aspirations of the Russian people. Despite recent events, those efforts persist today.

AUGUST 7, 2015 | CHRIS STONE

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