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A public statement from
the International Mathematical Union

The IMU reiterates its deep concern about both the nature and the length of the sentence handed down to the mathematician Azat Miftakhov following the outcome of his trial in Moscow, Russia, in January 2021. The IMU has contacted several organizations – including a formal submission to the Committee for Freedom and Responsibility in Science of the International Science Council and Scholars at Risk – in order to seek advice regarding the proper actions in this case.

Miftakhov is a promising mathematician who has already completed several mathematical publications. He has been invited by the Fondation Mathématique Jacques Hadamard and the Laboratoire de Mathématiques d’Orsay in France as Laureate of their international mobility program called “junior scientific visibility”. Miftakhov has accepted the invitation. Once released, he will hopefully be able to take up his studies in France in the very best conditions.

The IMU expresses its wish that Miftakhov be allowed to complete his doctorate in France, enabling him to pursue a career in mathematics, and asks that he be released at the earliest opportunity so that he can take up his studies in France.

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