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Dear Professor Piotrovskiy,

**Subject: The National Museum – Condolence on the demise of Irina Antonova**

We were saddened to hear of the demise of Irina Antonova, President of the Pushkin State Museum of Fine Arts. In this period of sorrow, in your capacity as President of the Union of Museums of Russia, we extend our condolences to you, colleagues at the State Hermitage, and the Pushkin Museum, our prayers go to the Almighty to grant the deceased peace and bestow upon her His mercy.

Irina Antonova will be remembered as a legend of the museum's industry, appreciated in Russia and beyond, for her courage, wisdom, elegance and clear sense of noble mission. The Pushkin State Museum of Fine Arts will remain as a true testimony to her colossal achievements.

Yours truly,

  
**H.E. Jamal al-Moosawi**  
**Secretary-General**

