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to the Commission**

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Subject: Arrest in Estonia of journalist and ex-Parliamentarian, Giulietto Chiesa

On Monday 15 December 2014 the journalist and ex-Parliamentarian, Giulietto Chiesa, was arrested in Tallinn while on a visit to attend a conference entitled "Russia is the enemy of Europe".

The Estonian police burst into the hotel room in which Chiesa was staying and took him into custody, although refusing to provide any kind of document indicating the reasons for the detention order. It was later discovered that this was the forerunner of an expulsion order, issued for a reason which remains obscure and exclusively politically-motivated.

Aspects of the behaviour of the Estonian authorities are sinister, disturbing and in breach of various articles of the European Union treaty (Articles 2, 3 and 6), European Charter of Fundamental Rights (Articles 1, 6, 10, 11, 48 and 49) and ECHR (Articles 5, 9 and 10), which protect fundamental individual freedoms, political freedom and freedom of expression.

In the light of the above:

1. What concrete action has the Commission taken to put an end to the breaches perpetrated by the Estonian authorities against the European citizen Chiesa?
2. Does the Commission not consider it necessary to take action under Article 7 of the TEU?