

**Question for written answer E-014597/2015
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**

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Subject: VP/HR - Arrest of Sergei Mitrokhin, leader of Yabloko

- Is the VP/HR aware of the violent arrest of Sergei Mitrokhin, leader of the Russian opposition party Yabloko, on 7 November 2015 during the annual remembrance ceremony for the Russian officers (Junkers) who fought against the Bolshevik *coup d'état* in 1917?
- Does the VP/HR agree that the arrest of Sergei Mitrokhin, who has now been (for the time being) released but threatened with many years of imprisonment, is unacceptable and another indication that the position of opposition groups in Russia is rapidly deteriorating?
- Is the VP/HR prepared to raise this issue with the Russian authorities, and what action will she take to improve the position of opposition voices in Russia?