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Statement of President Buzek on the extended house arrest of Aung San Suu Kyi

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"I strongly condemn the extended house arrest of Aung San Suu Kyi, laureate of the European Parliament's Sakharov Prize in 1990. The extended sentence is unacceptable, unjustified and cruel. The decision of the criminal court is not only sad and deplorable news for defendants of democracy and human rights but it also jeopardises the chances for national reconciliation in Burma/Myanmar and undermines the credibility of any free and fair multi-party elections in the future.

For the people of Burma/Myanmar and the whole international community Aung San Suu Kyi has remained a figure of hope, human resilience and political courage for over 19 years. The European Parliament on a number of occasions called for the release of Aung San Suu Kyi and other political prisoners. As a sign of our full and continuous support, a large banner on the facade of the European Parliament building in Brussels is still calling for her release and reminds us of her battle for democracy.

In line with previous resolutions of the European Parliament and statements from the international community I repeatedly call on the authorities of Myanmar/Burma to immediately and unconditionally release Aung San Suu Kyi."

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