



**STATEMENT BY THE CHAIR OF THE DELEGATION TO THE EU-RUSSIA
PARLIAMENTARY COOPERATION COMMITTEE, MEP Ryszard CZARNECKI
on the health state of Mr. Alexei Navalny and the repression of the demonstrations of 21 April**

Brussels, 22 April 2021 - 'I am very concerned with the aggravated state of health of Mr Alexey Navalny. Although, he has been admitted at a prison hospital in the city of Vladimir, Russian authorities do not still allow Mr Navalny's medical team to visit him. It is the responsibility of the Russian government that Mr Navalny's health is restored and preserved. Furthermore, regular visits of his doctors are fundamental to obtain objective reports about his health.

On Wednesday 21 April, large demonstrations in several Russian cities showed that the citizens are alarmed with the unjust treatment received by Mr Navalny and with the repression suffered by his followers and his Anti-Corruption Foundation. Regrettably, the government decided, once again, to apply harsh police force and massive detentions to halt peaceful street protests.

I insist on my 5 February 2021 appeal to the colleague Russian Parliamentarians: Before is too late, you must ask your Government for the unconditional release of Mr Navalny and the detained demonstrators'.

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