



Plenary sitting

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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

with request for inclusion in the agenda for a debate on cases of breaches of human rights, democracy and the rule of law

pursuant to Rule 144 of the Rules of Procedure

on the recent deterioration of the inhuman imprisonment conditions of Alexey Navalny and other political prisoners in Russia

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European Parliament resolution on the recent deterioration of the inhuman imprisonment conditions of Alexey Navalny and other political prisoners in Russia

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The European Parliament,

- having regard to its previous resolutions on the situation of Alexei Navalny, in particular of 17 September 2020 on the situation in Russia: the poisoning of Alexei Navalny and of 21 January 2021 on the arrest of Alexei Navalny,
 - having regard to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,
 - having regard to Rule 144 of its Rules of Procedure.
- A. whereas Alexey Navalny has been in detention since 17 January 2021 when he returned to Russia after medical rehabilitation due to an attempted assassination through the use of an internationally banned nerve agent;
- B. whereas he had been detained, arrested and sentenced previously, in attempts to stop his political activities and anti-corruption campaigns; whereas the European Court of Human Rights declared many of those court procedures abusive and contrary to the principle of a fair trial;
- C. whereas since the start of their war of aggression against Ukraine the Russian authorities have substantially increased their repression of the political opposition and the civil society;
- D. whereas Russia is a signatory to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and is therefore bound to complying with international standards and the principles governing the rule of law, human rights and fundamental freedoms;
1. Calls for the immediate and unconditional release of Alexei Navalny and of all other political prisoners in Russia, including those detained solely for their association with Aleksei Navalny and his organisation or for their opposition to the war of aggression against Ukraine;
 2. Denounces the inhuman prison conditions in Russia as exemplified by the case of Alexei Navalny who has been subjected to deliberate ill-treatment, including through the failure of providing adequate medical care, and arbitrary punishments, leading to a serious deterioration of his health;
 3. Calls on the Russian authorities to immediately end the use of torture, other ill-treatment or arbitrary disciplinary measures against detainees and to urgently reform

- the prison conditions in compliance with Russia's obligations under international human rights law;
4. Welcomes the EU Statement on the further deterioration of the human rights situation in Russia at the OSCE Permanent Council on 2 February 2023; encourages the OSCE to take all appropriate measures to respond to the breaches of commitments made by the Russian Federation;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the HR/VP, the Council, the Commission, the governments and parliaments of the Member States, the Council of Europe, the OSCE and to the President, Government and Parliament of the Russian Federation.