



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 repression in Russia, in particular the cases of Vladimir Kara-Murza and Alexei Navalny
(2023/2657(RSP))

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European Parliament resolution on the repression in Russia, in particular the cases of Vladimir Kara-Murza and Alexei Navalny (2023/2657(RSP))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its previous resolutions on Russia, its war of aggression against Ukraine and the situation of Alexei Navalny,
 - having regard to the statement by the High Representative/Vice-President of 17 April 2023 on the sentencing of Vladimir Kara-Murza,
 - having regard to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,
 - having regard to Rule 144 of its Rules of Procedure.
- A. whereas since the start of its war of aggression against Ukraine the Russian regime has been increasing its repression against the population, in particular the political opposition and active civil society, to an unprecedented level reminiscent of the darkest moments of Russia's history;
- B. whereas the sentencing of Vladimir Kara-Murza on 17 April 2023 to 25 years of imprisonment on politically motivated charges amounts to the harshest sentence handed down so far against dissident voices in Russia;
- C. whereas the escalation of the Russian regime's domestic repression mirrors the international condemnation of its war crimes committed in Ukraine for which first international arrest warrants have already been published on 24 March;
1. Calls for the immediate and unconditional release of Vladimir Kara-Murza, Alexei Navalny and of all other Russian citizens, who have been detained and sentenced solely for speaking the truth about the crimes committed by their country's leadership in the context of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine;
 2. Expresses its solidarity with those Russians who, despite the totalitarian repression and the severe personal consequences for them, still find the courage to speak the truth, uphold human values and show the world that another Russia exists;
 3. Denounces the decade-long prison sentences and the inhumane detention conditions which grossly violate Russia's constitution and its international commitment;
 4. Calls on the Russian authorities to repeal their oppressive legislation, such as the laws censoring truthful information about Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine as well

as on so-called “foreign agents” and “undesirable organisations”;

5. Appeals to the Russian people to prevent the continued perpetration of atrocious crimes committed by their country’s political and military leadership which is waging an illegal war of aggression against Ukraine merely to support the survival of its criminal regime and is effectively destroying the prospects for a safe and prosperous future of the Russian people;
6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, the Council, the governments and parliaments of the Member States and the Russian authorities.