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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 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 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,
  - having regard to the Russian Constitution and to the international human rights obligations to which Russia has committed itself,
  - having regard to the statement by the High Representative-Vice on the sentencing of Vladimir Kara-Murza of 17 April 2023;
  - having regard to its Rule 144,
- A. whereas prominent Russian opposition activist Vladimir Kara-Murza, in custody since April 2022, was sentenced on 17 April 2023 to 25 years in prison for statements criticizing Russia’s war of aggression against Ukraine and Vladimir Putin’s regime;
- B. whereas the sentencing is only the last in the brutal and illegitimate oppression of the opposition and civil society in Russia,
- C. whereas Alexei Navalny, a prominent Russian political figure and laureate of the Sakharov Prize 2021, remains incarcerated in a penal colony where he has been subject to ill treatment, including torture, arbitrary punishment and psychologic pressure;
- D. Whereas Vladimir Kara-Murza and Alexei Navalny's health is rapidly deteriorating due to mistreatment and lack of access to proper medical treatment.
1. Strongly condemns the imprisonment and sentencing of Vladimir Kara-Murza, demands his immediate release and the annulment of this shamefully harsh sentence;
  2. Stands in solidarity with Vladimir Kara-Murza and his family, as well as with all other brave opponents and political prisoners in Russia;
  3. Reiterates its call for the release of Alexei Navalny and all those imprisoned for politically motivated charges; pending their release, demands that conditions of detention of Kara-Murza, Navalny and all other prisoners are compliant with Russia’s international obligations, in particular regarding access to medical treatment, to lawyers, and communication with families;
  4. Calls on the Russian authorities to repeal Russia’s oppressive legislation, including the laws censoring truthful information about its war of aggression against Ukraine and laws on so-called “foreign agents” and “undesirable organisations”, which are used to suppress civil society and independent voices;

5. Urges the Council to adopt tough sanctions under EU's global human rights sanctions regime (the EU's Magnitsky Act) against those responsible for arbitrary prosecutions, detentions and torture in Russia; notes that the US and Canada have already imposed sanctions on several persons, including judges responsible for the illegal prosecution of Kara-Murza;
6. Reiterates its calls for the EU and its Member States to continue closely monitoring the human rights situation in Russia and court cases involving civil society organisations, journalists, opposition politicians and activists; urges the EU to increase its support to Russian civil society;
7. Calls for this resolution to be translated into Russian; 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 Commission, the governments and parliaments of the Member States, the OSCE, the Council of Europe, the United Nations and the Russian authorities.