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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
Aleksandr Navalny
(2023/2657(RSP))

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

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the UN Charter, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the European Convention on Human Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders,
 - having regard to Rule 144 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas Vladimir Kara – Murza, has been sentenced on 17 April 2023 to 25 years of prison for his statements criticizing Russia’s war of aggression against Ukraine and longstanding opposition to Vladimir Putin’s regime;
- B. Whereas as demonstrated by the case of Kara-Murza, inhumane sentence terms, political use of treason charges, troika of judges making decisions in expedited manner, without granting any defence requests reminds of use of infamous article 58 of Soviet Penal Code and most dreadful period of the Soviet Union;
- C. Whereas Vladimir Kara – Murza founded the Russian Anti-War Committee which called international community to label Putin’s regime and generals responsible for the war of aggression against Ukraine as war criminals and bring them to justice;
1. Strongly condemns the politically-motivated sentencing of Vladimir Kara-Murza, who also holds British citizenship, and calls for his and Alexei Navalny’s immediate and unconditional release; expresses its solidarity with Vladimir’s wife Yevgeniya, his family, as well as families with other political prisoners in Russia, including Alexei Gorinov and Andrey Pivovarov;
 2. Urges the Council to adopt restrictive measures against those responsible for Kara-Murza’s his arbitrary arrest and detention, including: judges Elena Lenskaya, Diana Mishchenko, Ilya Kozlov, Andrei Sedushev, Svetlana Alexandrova, Valentina Levashova, Ludmila Smolkina, Natalia Dudar, Sergey Podoprighorov, Vitaly Belitsky and Ekaterina Dorokhina; prosecutors Boris Loktionov, Oleg Alypov, Marina Bobek, Vera Chervonova, Anna Potychko; Members of Investigative Committee Denis Kolesnikov, Yutiy Tyutyunnik and Andrei Zadachin; Head of Khamovniki police precinct Mikhail Smirnov; witness Danila Mikheev as well as head of pre-trial detention center SIZO-5 Dmitry Komnov; notes that some of those people were involved in death of Segey Magnitsky and at least two in poisoning of Alexei Navalny;

3. Calls for ensuring access to appropriate health care for Vladimir Kara – Murza, who was twice poisoned by Russian secret service in 2015 and 2017, and for all other political prisoners;
4. Underlines that latest ICC arrest warrant against Vladimir Putin as war criminal goes in line with the calls made earlier by Kara – Murza and Anti War Committee;
5. welcomes the recent apologies of Alexei Navalny for his position on Russia-Georgia war of 2008 and encourages him to fully distance himself from imperialistic policies of Russia, which he used to support in his early public appearances;
6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the HRVP, the Council, the Commission, the Member States, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, the CoE, the OSCE, and the President, Government and Parliament of the Russian Federation.