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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 Rule 144 of the Rules of Procedure,
 - A. whereas Vladimir Kara-Murza, a Russian-British journalist and politician, has been convicted for treason, spreading "false" information about the Russian army and being affiliated with an "undesirable organisation and sentenced on 17 April 2023 to unprecedented 25 years in a strict-regime prison colony in Russia; whereas he was banned from journalistic work for seven years as a result of charges linked to his criticism of Putin's regime and the war in Ukraine;
 - B. whereas as the result of two poisoning attacks in 2015 and 2017, Vladimir Kara-Murza is suffering from polyneuropathy, the symptoms of which after a year in pre-trial detention have worsened and are now affecting both his feet and his left hand as it was confirmed by the Head Neurologist of the Moscow Prison System;
 - C. whereas Aleksey Navalny, Russia's most prominent opposition politician, serving sentences totalling 11-and-a-half years on charges including fraud and contempt of court, and whose organisations have been banned as "extremist" in Russia, nearly died in August 2020 when he was attacked with a Novichok nerve agent in Siberia, was found in 'critical' situation after possible poisoning on 14 April 2023;
 - D. whereas the worries over Aleksey Navalny's health have been rising in recent months and have led to a rare petition earlier this year from a group of Russian lawmakers and doctors who have used their full names to demand that he receive better medical care, despite the risk to them of being prosecuted for voicing dissent,
 - E. whereas Russia has more than twice as many political prisoners than at the end of the Soviet era;
 - F. whereas Kremlin regime's harsh treatment of Russian citizens is a criminal violation of human rights as enshrined in UN Human Rights Charter and amounts to the description of the crimes against humanity;
 - 1. Condemns the politically-motivated conviction and sentencing and calls for all those unjustly jailed to be freed and compensated, in particular, calls for immediate release of Vladimir Kara-Murza, Aleksey Navalny, Aleksey Gorinov and Ilya Yashin;
 - 2. Deplores Russia's widespread human rights violations and underlines that the UN and international community together with the EU should be investigating these acts and bringing perpetrators to justice;

3. Calls on the UN Human Rights Council for immediate investigation into the acts of inhuman imprisonment, torture and murder of political opponents, as it was done in a report on Belarus by UN High Commissioner for Human Rights;
4. Requests a judge Sergei Podoprighorov and other prosecutors and judges, who participate in repressions and violation of human rights, to be listed under the EU Global Human Rights Sanctions Regime;
5. 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 and Commission, the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Government and Parliament of the Russian Federation.