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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 case of Zarema Musaeva in Chechnya  
(2023/2882(RSP))

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**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the case of Zarema Musaeva in Chechnya  
(2023/2882(RSP))**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to its previous resolutions on Russia and in particular, the resolution of 14 February 2019 on the situation in Chechnya and the case of Oyub Titiev;
- having regard to Rule 144 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas in January 2022, Zarema Musaeva was violently abducted from a different region of Russia and placed in pre-trial detention in Chechnya; whereas on 4 July 2023, she was sentenced to 5,5 years in prison;
- B. whereas Musaeva is the mother of three prominent Russian human rights defenders, Abubakar, Ibragim and Baysangur Yangulbayev, living in exile because of the extremely hostile environment against civil society in Russia;
- C. whereas Musaeva was charged with “fraud” and “violence against a representative of the authorities”; whereas her three sons are outspoken critics of the Head of the Chechen Republic, Ramzan Kadyrov, and his regime;
- D. whereas Musaeva’s lawyer, Aleksandr Nemov, and journalist Yelena Milashina were brutally assaulted while heading to the court in Grozny to attend Musaeva’s trial;
- E. whereas Musaeva suffers from second-degree diabetes and mobility limitations; whereas her health has deteriorated since her detention;
- F. whereas the administration and autocratic President of Chechnya rule explicitly against norms of international human rights and partly against Russian law;
- 1. Strongly condemns the politically-motivated detention of Zarema Musaeva; urges the Russian authorities, specifically in the Chechen Republic, to immediately release her and drop all the charges brought against her;
- 2. Expresses serious concerns about the deterioration of Musaeva’s health; calls on the Russian authorities to ensure that she receives adequate and appropriate medical assistance;
- 3. Deplores the outrageous attack on 20 January 2022 by Chechen police officers against the human rights attorneys Sergey Babinets, Oleg Khabibrakhmanov and Natalia Dobronravova, which took place in the context of Musaeva’s abduction; deplores the heinous attacks on 4 July 2023 against the human rights defenders Aleksandr Nemov and Yelena Milashina; urges the authorities to investigate these cases, identify the perpetrators and hold them accountable;
- 4. Urges the Russian authorities to bring to justice the perpetrators of the illegal abduction of Musaeva, as well as those responsible for violent attacks against journalists and human rights defenders and their families; condemns the smear campaigns, threats and assaults initiated by

Chechen officials, including by Kadyrov and his son, against political prisoners and their relatives;

5. Encourages the Commission, the EEAS and the Member States to continue to closely monitor the extremely worrying human rights situation in Russia and, in particular, in Chechnya; calls on these institutions to increase their assistance to Chechen political prisoners and dissidents, as well as their families, and to keep cooperating with human rights organisations both in Chechnya and in exile; calls on the Member States to grant humanitarian visas to Chechen human rights defenders at risk;
6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the HR/VP, the Council, the Commission, the governments and parliaments of the Member States, the President, the Government and the Parliament of Russia, and the President of Chechnya.