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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 resolution on the situation in Chechnya,
- having regard to Rule 144 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas Chechnya has experienced a deterioration in the human rights situation, which effectively prevents independent lawyers and human rights activists from continuing their work without putting their own lives and the lives of their family members, friends and colleagues at risk;
- B. whereas Zarema Musaeva, mother of a lawyer and two human rights activists, was detained in her own apartment by the Chechen police under the pretext of requiring her testimony in a criminal case; whereas she was illegally denied legal visits and access to medication;
- C. whereas Elena Miláshina, a journalist, and Alexander Némov, a lawyer, were victims of an attack carried out by unknown individuals while they were travelling to Grozny, with the purpose of providing assistance and legal defence to Zarema Musaeva; whereas they endured violent assaults and were subsequently hospitalized;
- D. whereas on 4 July 2023, Zarema Musaeva was sentenced to five years and six months of imprisonment, subsequently getting her sentence reduced to five years on 12 September 2023, despite her guilt being unjustifiably declared for fraud and the use of violence against a representative of the authority; whereas the health of Zarema Musaeva is deteriorating;
- 1. Condemns the conviction of Zarema Musaeva; expresses its concern about the deterioration of her health; underlines that the charges for which she was sentenced are unfounded; calls for her immediate and unconditional release;
- 2. Condemns the ill-treatment of Zarema Musaeva in prison, which should end immediately; calls for the provision of sufficient medication, independent medical care, food and water, and unrestricted access to legal counsel;
- 3. Calls on the EU and its Member States to put pressure on the Chechen authorities to end the misuse of the criminal justice system targeting peaceful criticism, dissent and civil society;
- 4. Calls on the Chechen authorities to respect fundamental freedoms and human rights in line with international commitments and to not further restrict the functioning of civil society, and to end the harassment of those that stand for pluralism, freedom and democracy;

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, the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the President and authorities of Chechnya.