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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 Chechnya and the Russian Federation,
- having regard to Rule 144 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas credible reports of continuous violations of human rights in Chechnya perpetrated by the Russia-installed Kadyrov regime and the impunity of those responsible for brutal abuses towards human rights defenders and their relatives remain a source of grave concern;
- B. whereas in January 2022, security officers of Kadyrov's regime seized Zarema Musaeva, the mother of Ibragim, Abubakar, and Baisangur Yangulbayev, who all have fled the country citing persecutions by Chechen authorities over their online criticism of Chechen warlord and close Putin ally Kadyrov, in her apartment in the Russian city of Nizhny Novgorod, and forcibly returned her to Grozny;
- C. whereas the case against Zarema Musaeva is a part of the ongoing massive persecution of critics of Kadyrov and their relatives by Kadyrov's regime; whereas Kadyrov has publicly vowed to kill all members of the Yangulbayev family, calling them "terrorists";
- D. whereas through his ruthless rule, including assassinations, violence, threats and the non observance of the rule of law, Kadyrov has turned Chechnya into a lawless and kleptocratic dictatorship; whereas the EU and the US blacklisted Kadyrov and his closest associates for gross violations of human rights;
- E. whereas throughout the pre-trial and trial proceedings against Zarema Musaeva human rights defenders, human rights lawyers, attorneys and journalists have been targeted because of their association with her case, including Aleksandr Nемов, Elena Milashina, Aleksandr Savin, Sergey Babinets, Oleg Khabibrakhmanov and Natalia Dobronravova;
- F. whereas the Supreme Court of Chechnya ruled on September 12 to shorten the 5 1/2 year prison term Zarema Musaeva was handed in July by six months;
- 1. Condemns in the strongest possible terms the ongoing brutal violations of human rights in Chechnya and calls on the international community to step up the pressure on the ruthless Kadyrov regime; in this regard condemns the close relations between the Kadyrov regime and the United Arab Emirates, which serve as a safe-haven for his wealth stolen from the people of Chechnya;
- 2. Calls on the regime to release Ms Musayeva, as well as to put an end to the persecution of human rights defenders and their family members and to release those detained under

the pretext of trumped-up charges immediately; calls on the international community to investigate all cases of extrajudicial executions, torture and other grave human rights violations committed over the last years in a prompt and effective manner and to bring those responsible to justice;

3. Encourages the European Commission, the EEAS and the EU Member States to continue their support to the Chechens opposing the brutal regime, in particular Akmed Zakayev, who unites the people of Ichkeria under a goal of an independent, democratic and peaceful Chechnya;
4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the relevant parties.