

**Question for written answer E-002263/2023**

**to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy**

Rule 138

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Subject:      Reported death threats from the Ukrainian security services to Mikhail and Aleksander Kononovich

Mikhail and Aleksander Kononovich were arrested, held in detention and subsequently sentenced to house arrest in Ukraine in 2022. Since then, they have reported continuous harassment from the Ukrainian security services, including receiving death threats. Given that the Commission monitors the human rights situation in Ukraine, the case of Kononovich brothers raises questions about its actions in the area of safeguarding human rights in the candidate countries.

1.    Are the reported death threats from the Ukrainian security services being taken seriously and is the Commission verifying them?
2.    If the reports turn out to be true, what sort of action would the Commission be ready to take in order to ensure the safety of Mikhail and Aleksander Kononovich?

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