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JOINT MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rules 144(5) and 132(4) of the Rules of Procedure

replacing the following motions:

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on repression in Russia, in particular the cases of Vladimir Kara-Murza and Aleksei Navalny (2023/2657(RSP))

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European Parliament resolution on repression in Russia, in particular the cases of Vladimir Kara-Murza and Aleksei Navalny (2023/2657(RSP))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its previous resolutions on Russia,
- having regard to Rule 144(5) and 132(4) of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas Vladimir Kara-Murza, a Russo-British journalist and opposition activist, was sentenced on 17 April 2023 to 25 years in prison for criticising Vladimir Putin's regime and its war of aggression against Ukraine;
- B. whereas the Russian regime has been steadily increasing its repression of its population and political opponents to levels reminiscent of the Stalin-era show trials under the infamous Article 58 of the Penal Code;
- C. whereas Alexei Navalny, a prominent Russian political figure and laureate of the Sakharov Prize 2021, remains incarcerated in a penal colony where he has been subject to ill treatment, including torture, arbitrary punishment and psychological pressure;
- D. whereas the health of Vladimir Kara-Murza and Alexei Navalny is rapidly deteriorating due to mistreatment and lack of proper medical care, with Kara-Murza having been diagnosed with polyneuropathy and Navalny suffering from suspected poisoning;
- E. whereas the Kremlin regime's harsh treatment of Russian citizens is a criminal violation of human rights, as enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and may amount to a crime against humanity;
- 1. Strongly condemns the politically motivated conviction of Vladimir Kara-Murza by the Russian authorities and demands his and Alexei Navalny's immediate and unconditional release, as well as the release of all other political prisoners;
- 2. Expresses serious concerns about the rapid deterioration of Vladimir Kara-Murza's and Alexei Navalny's health and reminds Russia of its international obligations, in particular regarding their access to medical treatment, lawyers and communication with their families;
- 3. Stands in solidarity with Vladimir Kara-Murza, his wife Evgenia, his family, as well as with all other brave Russians who, despite the widespread repression and severe personal consequences, still find the courage to speak the truth and uphold human values;
- 4. Urges the Council to adopt tough sanctions under the EU's global human rights sanctions regime (the EU's Magnitsky Act) against Russian judges, prosecutors and other individuals responsible for arbitrary prosecutions, detentions and torture in the

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context of politically motivated trials;

- 5. Denounces the escalation of human rights violations by the Russian regime and condemns the ongoing crackdown on government critics, human rights defenders and independent journalists; calls on the UN Human Rights Council to conduct an immediate investigation into the acts of inhuman imprisonment, torture and murder of political opponents;
- 6. Urges the EU and the UK to coordinate efforts to secure Vladimir Kara-Murza's release;
- 7. Reiterates its call for the diplomatic representations of the EU and its Member States to continue to closely monitor court proceedings against political opponents and their prison conditions;
- 8. Urges the Member States to provide humanitarian visas and other support to Russian dissidents at risk of political prosecution;
- 9. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the VP/HR, the Council, the Commission, the Member States, the Council of Europe, the OSCE and the Russian authorities and make it available in the Russian language.