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Dear High-Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Vice President of the European Commission,
Dear Josep,

We thank you for your words regarding the death in captivity of opposition leader, freedom fighter, and Sakharov price winner, Alexei Navalny, known on 16 February 2024.

Even if the real circumstances surrounding this tragic event may not be known for a long time, it is clear to us that this is a political assassination, whether by commission or by omission, given the extremely harsh conditions of his unlawful imprisonment, without proper medical care and with 27 instances of solitary confinement in the past two months. Without any doubt, Putin is the ultimate responsible of this heinous crime.

Therefore, we urge you to activate the procedure to apply the EU Global Human Rights Sanctions Regime, which you once rightly propose to name precisely after Navalny, to all those involved in Alexei's agony in the Putin's Gulag, including the prison directors, guards, police officers, public attorneys, and judges.

Furthermore, we suggest that a new sanctions package against the backbone of the Putin regime is launched immediately, based on the list Navalny provided two years ago and that contains more than six thousand individuals.

Finally we think it would be appropriate to name the EEAS Building in Brussels after him in order to honour his legacy.

We as MEPs will also call for a plenary debate in the European Parliament on this matter with a view to enhance the support and protection of all opposition figures and Human Rights defenders in Russia.

Best regards,

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