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SUBJECT:  
(please specify)Politically motivated prosecution of Mukhtar Dzhakishev and Muratkhan Tokmadi in  
Kazakhstan

## TEXT:

Mukhtar Dzhakishev and Muratkhan Tokmadi are Kazakhstani political prisoners who fell victims of criminal prosecution against opponent Mukhtar Ablyazov.

In 2010 Mukhtar Dzhakishev, a close friend of Ablyazov, was sentenced to 14 years imprisonment. The UN Human Rights Committee acknowledged gross violations in this case and demanded that Dzhakishev be released from prison. Kazakhstan refused to comply with the UN decision. Over 8 years of detention, Dzhakishev has developed chronic diseases and needs urgent hospitalisation.

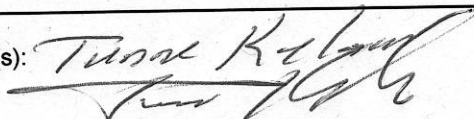
In October 2017 businessman Muratkhan Tokmadi was sentenced to 3 years imprisonment. Kazakhstani authorities demanded Tokmadi to confess that in 2004 he allegedly committed a murder which was ordered by Mukhtar Ablyazov. Tokmadi's wife informed that he had been tortured. Also, the prosecutor's office withdrew Tokmadi's counsels from the case.

1. Is the VP/HR aware of Dzhakishev and Tokmadi's cases and is the EU willing to visit both prisoners in the detention facilities?

2. Are the VP/HR and EEAS aware of health conditions of both prisoners and what action will the EEAS take to improve Dzhakishev's health conditions?

Considering the systematic violation from Kazakhstani side of Art. 1, Art. 4, Art. 5 of the EPCA, what action will the EEAS take in this regard?

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