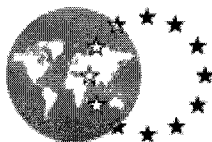


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Dear Mrs Kozlovska,

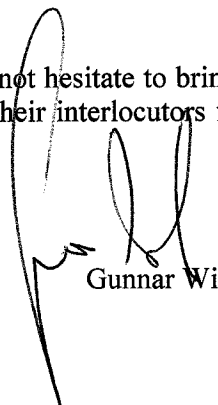
Thank you for your letter on the issue of Nadezhda Savchenko and Eston Kohver, which you also addressed to the EU Special Representative for Human Rights, Mr Stavros Lambrinidis.

We fully share your concerns regarding the transfer to the territory of the Russian Federation and subsequent imprisonment of Ukrainian military pilot Nadiya Savchenko, following her kidnapping by militants in Eastern Ukraine, as expressed also in a statement issued on 17 July¹ as well as in several EU statements issued in the OSCE context. The European Council on 30 August called for the urgent release of the prisoners detained in the Russian Federation², by which notably Ms Savchenko was meant. The EU Delegation observed the initial phase of her trial and will continue to do so, when the case resumes on 11 November.

The Spokesperson of the High Representative also issued a statement on the case of Estonian Police Officer Eston Kohver on 11 September³, expressing concerns with his abduction on September 5 by the Russian Security Services on Estonian territory near the Estonian-Russian border. The EU Delegation in Moscow has been in contact with the Russian authorities asking for a swift resolution to the matter. We will keep on calling for an immediate release of Mr Kohver and his safe return to Estonia. It is our view that such action by the Russian Federation runs against international law and the principle of inviolability of borders.

The EEAS will continue to follow these two cases closely, and will not hesitate to bring the call for the release of Ms Savchenko and Mr Kohver again to the attention of their interlocutors from the Russian Federation as appropriate.

Best regards,



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¹ http://eeas.europa.eu/statements/docs/2014/140717_01_en.pdf

² http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/en/ec/144538.pdf

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