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Mr. Pozdeyev Sergey Leonidovich,

12th July, 2016

I am addressing you in my capacity of a Member of the European Parliament in order to enquire about the situation of Oleksandr Kostenko, a Ukrainian citizen currently imprisoned in your facility.

It has been reported publicly that Mr. Kostenko has suffered acts of torture throughout the period of his unlawful detention. As the warden of the Penal Colony No.5 of the Department of the Federal Penitentiary Service of the Russian Federation in Kirov Province, where Mr. Kostenko is imprisoned, you are responsible for ensuring that his rights are respected. In fact, any kind of physical or psychological abuse constitutes a serious violation of the detainees' rights and the general human rights.

Given the extremely worrying reports, I would urge you to provide me with up-to-date information on his state of health, as well as the conditions of his detention.

I would also like to express my criticism over the numerous cases of Ukrainian citizens that have been unlawfully detained in the Russian Federation over the last months, in the wake of the Russian aggression on Ukraine. Let me assure you that the European Parliament is closely monitoring all of these cases.

Sincerely yours,

Jaromír Štětina

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