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Mr Pozdeyev,

As a Czech Member of the European Parliament, I would like to raise with you the case of Mr Oleksandr Kostenko. Mr Kostenko, detainee in a penal colony headed by you, is a Ukrainian citizen sentenced for 3 years and 11 months in prison for actions he allegedly committed on the territory of Ukraine.

Therefore, I am addressing you not only to raise my opposition to the unlawfully extended jurisdiction of the Russian authorities to the sovereign territory of Ukraine, but also as a reaction to the extremely worrying information on Mr Kostenko's bad health condition, and the lack of the medical assistance from your side.

Moreover, according to the publicly available information, throughout his detention, Mr Kostenko has suffered from multiple acts of torture. In this context, I would like to remind you that as a head of a penal colony, it is you who is directly responsible for any human rights abuses at your facility. It is your personal responsibility to ensure that detainees do not face any mental or physical abuse or degrading and ill-treatment, and are provided with the necessary health aid.

As a strong supporter of personal sanctions lists adopted by the European Union, I have been following closely the developments linked to the Russian aggression in Ukraine, including by monitoring the cases of the Ukrainian citizens unlawfully detained, tried and imprisoned in Russia, together with people responsible for it. I would, therefore, appreciate if you could provide me with adequate information on the current state of health of Mr Kostenko and ensure that his rights in detention are being fully respected, in accordance to the international public law and Russian obligations.

Sincerely,



Tomáš Zdechovský
Member of the European Parliament