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Posel na Sejm
Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej

Marcin Świącicki
Member of the Polish Parliament

Commission for the Control of the Interpol's Files

Dear Sirs / Madams,

I am writing to raise my concern about the fact that Mr Pavel Zabelin, Russian citizen having asylum in Estonia and residence permit in the US, remains listed under the Red Notice. It remains unclear to me why political nature of Zabelin's persecution hadn't been acknowledged until today despite well documented history of his persecution in Russia, which included threats he received after refusing to testify against YUKOS leadership in the trial which led to Mikhail Khodorkovsky's imprisonment, a murder attempt, imprisonment of his associates, harassment of his family members (some successfully brought in front of the ECHR), attempt to confiscate his property in Estonia, and finally Russia's request to issue a Red Notice despite the fact Zabelin's whereabouts abroad were well known to the Russian authorities.

I would like to underline, that after criminal case against Khodorkovsky has recently been re-launched in Russia, pressures to threaten his associates, including Zabelin, are expected to intensify. In this context I strongly recommend re-examining his dossier and removing his name from the Red Notice list.

I would be very grateful, if you could provide me with the answer that clarifies Commission for the Control of the Interpol's Files position on this particular case.

Sincerely,

