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Poseł na Sejm  
Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej

Marcin Świącicki  
Member of the Polish Parliament

Minister of Justice of the Federal Republic of Germany  
His Excellency Heiko Maas

Dear Mr Minister,

I am writing to express my concern about safety of Mr Pavel Zabelin, a Russian citizen who was facing extradition from Germany to Russia – which was rejected by the Higher Regional Court in Brandenburg on 29.01.2008. Zabelin was one of the key witnesses in the Michael Khodorkovsky's YUKOS case – illegal pressure was being put on him, his family and associates to testify against the dissident. As on Russia's request Interpol filed a Red Notice after Zabelin. He can only move between the US, Estonia and Germany – being the 3 countries that had examined his case independently. Still, there is high probability that Russia would take steps to restrict Zabelin freedom of movements in the above-mentioned countries, including Germany. I would be very grateful if you could answer to the possible hostile moves against Zabelin in the adequate way, as well as if you could request the Commission for the Control of the Interpol's Files to review the grounds for keeping his name under a Red Notice regime. There is obvious political motivation behind his persecution and behind Russia-sponsored Interpol warrant.

Sincerely,

