



Member of the European Parliament

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Dear Mrs Mogherini,

We are writing to you in relation to the European Parliament Recommendation to the Council of 2 April 2014 on establishing common visa restrictions for Russian officials involved in the Sergei Magnitsky case.

As you may be aware, on 2 April 2014 the European Parliament approved in plenary, with no objections, a sanctions list of 32 named individuals who were involved in the false arrest, torture and murder of Sergei Magnitsky in a Russian penitentiary in 2009, after he exposed widespread corruption.

The position of the European Parliament over the last four years has been to challenge the absolute impunity for the perpetrators of this crime. Over successive escalating resolutions (the Resolution of 16 December 2010 (2010/2202(INI)), the Recommendation of 23 October 2012 (2012/2142(INI)) and the Recommendation of 2 April 2014 (2014/2016(INI)), the European Parliament has called on the European External Action Service to impose sanctions. Until now each request has been explicitly ignored.

With the most recent Recommendation, the European External Action Service is called on, now, to present a proposal to the Council of Ministers to sanction these 32 individuals. What steps have been taken since the adoption of the European Parliament's resolution to implement the proposed sanctions? As the new head of the European External Action

Service, what nearest actions do you plan to undertake to follow through on this recommendation?

We ask you now in your new position to answer these questions so the European Parliament can then take a view of what to do next to make sure there is no further impunity in the Magnitsky case.

Yours sincerely,

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