

H.E. Mr. Josep Borrell Fontelles  
High Representative  
Vice President of the European Union

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Dear Mr. Borell,

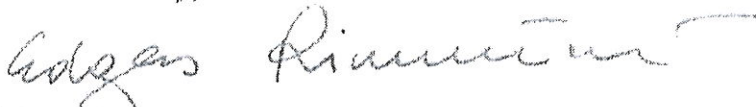
In response to the deplorable events of the detention of Mr. Alexei Navalny upon his return from Berlin to Moscow after recuperation from poisoning by a military chemical nerve agent of the "Novichok" group, we would like to express our appreciation for your swift reaction as well as coordination efforts by the EEAS to prepare a joint EU statement.

Furthermore, we do consider it is necessary to take additional firm diplomatic measures to increase pressure upon official Russian authorities that would facilitate the release of Mr. Navalny. We believe that we should discuss the issue during the FAC meeting next week, including the possible introduction of further restrictive measures.

If the Russian authorities continue to violate Mr. Navalny's right to liberty and security, we would suggest you to consider postponing your visit to Moscow that is scheduled for the beginning of February.

We are looking forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,



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