



Brussels, 20 January 2017

To: Mr Wolfgang Brandstetter

Federal Minister of Justice of the Republic of Austria

Dear Minister,

We, Members of the European Parliament, are addressing you to express our concerns regarding the case of Mr Nail Malyutin, a Russian whistle-blower, regarding his foreseen extradition tomorrow from Austria to the Russian Federation.

We are extremely concerned that in the case of his extradition to Russia, Malyutin would not be provided with the right to safety and a fair trial and risks of complete disregard to his human rights.

Looking at other cases of Russian dissidents being arrested, such as Mr Sergei Magnitsky, whose imprisonment subsequently ended in death, and Mr Ildar Dadin, who was subjected to torture by prison staff, we plead you not to pre-determine this destiny for Mr Malyutin.

Therefore, we hereby urge the Ministry of Justice of Austria to prevent the extradition of Nail Malyutin to Russia until the circumstances of his case are re-examined and determined by the competent authorities of the Republic of Austria.

Sincerely,

Petras Auštrevičius, Member of the European Parliament

Rebecca Harms, Member of the European Parliament

Urmas Paet, Member of the European Parliament

Ana Gomes, Member of the European Parliament

Jaromír Štětina, Member of the European Parliament

Marietje Schaake, Member of the European Parliament