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To the Representatives of the art world, colleagues
and friends of Mr Oleg Sentsov
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Dear Sirs,

I would like to thank you for your letter of August 2014, in which you appeal to the European institutions to convey claims to the Russian authorities about the case of film director Mr Oleg Sentsov and his three colleagues that were arrested in May 2014, in Crimea and transferred to Russia where they were charged with terrorist offenses and arms trafficking.

I can assure you that I am deeply concerned by this case and the alleged use of torture against those persons during their detention in Crimea and by their illegal transfer to Moscow. I also note with great concern that the detainees have been denied Ukrainian consular assistance as they are no longer considered as Ukrainians by the Russian authorities following the annexation of Crimea.

The European Parliament has repeatedly condemned this annexation and has deplored the reported cases of enforced disappearances and arbitrary detentions as well as the alleged use of violence and ill treatment targeting civil society activists, political opponents and journalists in Crimea.

As regards the overall situation in eastern Ukraine and Crimea, the EU has taken actions towards Russia, which rely on determined diplomatic and political efforts on the one hand, and sanctions, on the other. The European Parliament together with other EU institutions will continue exerting pressure on the Russian authorities, with the aim of finding a peaceful settlement to the Ukrainian crisis. In this respect, the European Parliament will certainly bring up human rights issues in Ukraine and particularly in Crimea, such as the specific case of Mr Oleg Sentsov, in its parliamentary works and interparliamentary dialogue with Ukrainian and Russian counterparts.

Yours sincerely,


Martin Schulz



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