



**Mr. Vladimir Poutine
President of Russia**

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Mr. President,

Day by day, Alexei Navalny's health is becoming more and more worrying.

The after-effects of his poisoning, the severe back pain he is enduring and the hunger strike he is undertaking to protest both against the impossibility of being examined by his doctor and against the constant interruption of his night's sleep are now raising fears for his life.

Mr President, no Court has sentenced Alexei Navalny to death.

The Russian prison administration and its authorities must therefore ensure that his life and physical integrity are preserved.

This is a matter of respect for the law and basic humanity, but we would also like to draw your attention to the political dimension of this tragedy.

Should it happen that Alexei Navalny dies in detention or that his abilities are impaired by the conditions of his imprisonment, you would inevitably be held responsible and the image of your presidency would be tarnished internationally.

There is enough tension today between the Russian Federation and the 27 countries we represent in the European Parliament that our relations do not need another such serious cause for deterioration.

It is with hope that we therefore ask you to ensure that Alexei Navalny receives adequate medical treatment and regains the freedom that his state of health requires as soon as possible.

Please accept, Mr. President, our sincere thanks in advance for having read our letter and for your understanding of the meaning and importance of our action.

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