



THE SENATE
OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

13TH TERM

113th RESOLUTION

Delivered on the 5th plenary session held on 28 January 2021

On violations of human rights and freedoms in the Russian Federation and reaction of the European Union member states

The Senate

With regard to the violence committed against protesters by the repressive police and security forces in dozens of towns and cities in the Russian Federation on January 23 and with regard to the EU Foreign Affairs Council meeting on January 25 during which ministers of foreign affairs discussed about further joint action against the Russian Federation,

I. States that

1. The detention of Mr. Alexei Navalny right after his arrival to the territory of the Russian Federation has reopened the question of human rights protection and functioning of the judiciary in the Russian Federation;
2. Despite the sanctions imposed by the EU in October 2020, the Russian Federation has not come with a satisfactory explanation of the circumstances of the attack on Alexei Navalny using a banned Novichok nerve agent, although the use of a banned nerve agent has been confirmed by the UN Organisation of the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons and by lab analyses made independently in three EU member states;

II. Expresses its conviction that EU member states should jointly categorically refuse the suppression of rights and freedoms to which citizens of the Russian Federation have had to face;

III. Reminds that

1. The EU has its own global system of sanctions used in case of human rights violations that can be used in serious cases to come out for the protection of freedom and human dignity;
2. The Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Security of the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic passed a resolution No. 28 on the detention of Alexei Navalny and priorities of the foreign policy of the Czech Republic on January 20, 2021;

IV. Appeals to members of parliaments of the EU member states to implement a joint action of the EU, including imposing further sanctions on individuals representing the Russian Federation,

- V. **Authorises** the President of the Senate to present this resolution to the Prime Minister of the Czech Republic.

President of the Senate

Senate verifier