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Subject: Urgent need to take action for the liberation of Vladimir Kara-Murza

While we mourn the death of Alexei Navalny, a hero who never stopped fighting against Putin's regime, we have to take concrete action for the liberation of all the other political prisoners held in inhumane conditions in Russian penal colonies and prisons.

The most worrisome case today is that of Vladimir Kara-Murza. On 17 April 2022, the Russian-British activist was sentenced to 25 years in prison on charges of 'high treason', solely for having criticised the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine. On 29 January 2024, Vladimir Kara-Murza was transferred to an unknown penal colony that, according to his lawyer, might be located in Siberia's Omsk region. Since then, there has been no news about his condition or his current location.

- Against this backdrop, what action can the Commission take to ensure that Vladimir Kara-Murza's detention conditions comply with international standards?
- 2. What action can the Commission take to apply diplomatic pressure on the Russian authorities to release Vladimir Kara-Murza?
- 3. What action can the Commission put in place to encourage the Member States to grant an EU citizenship to Vladimir Kara-Murza and other Russian dissidents?

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