



EUROPEAN UNION

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EU Statement on Illegally Detained Ukrainian Citizens in Russia

The European Union remains deeply concerned about the continuing illegal detention in Russia of a number of Ukrainian citizens, including Ukrainian pilot Nadiia Savchenko and film producer Oleh Sentsov. We repeat our call for their immediate release.

We note the recent court hearings in Moscow in the case of Nadiia Savchenko, including the hearing on 11 November concerning the decision to place Savchenko in the Serbsky State Scientific Centre for Social and Forensic Psychiatry for a psychiatric examination. We find this decision particularly disturbing.

We deeply regret that the Russian Federation has deprived Oleh Sentsov from receiving consular assistance since his detention in May. In continuing to do so, the Russian Federation is in breach of the Article 36 para.1 of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations.

We once again call on the Russian Federation to abide by its OSCE commitments and its legal obligations, including as a Member State of the Council of Europe and party to the European Convention on Human Rights.

The Candidate Countries the FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA*, MONTENEGRO*, ICELAND+ and ALBANIA*, the Country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and Potential Candidate BOSNIA and HERZEGOVINA, and the EFTA country NORWAY, member of the European Economic Area, as well as UKRAINE, the REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA, GEORGIA and SAN MARINO align themselves with this statement.

* The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Albania continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.

+ Iceland continues to be a member of the EFTA and of the European Economic Area.