



EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Dear Mr. Lebedev:

We would like to send to you our best wishes on the occasion of your 49th birthday on November 29. We regret that you have to spend it far away from your home and your family in spite of the regulations of your country which foresee that citizens should carry out the term of their punishment in the detention centre which is the closest to their place of living.

We have been following your detention and your recent transfer to the Vorkuta area with great concern. One of our colleagues, Mr. Milan Horáček, has personally observed the trial of you and Mr. Khodorkovsky last May and has left Moscow convinced that the trial has not followed the rules that could provide a fair and balanced verdict.

We are interested that the authorities of your detention centre will take into consideration your state of health and that you would be granted all opportunities guaranteed by the international commitments signed by your Government to ask for a new trial under fair conditions, including the possible appeal to the European Court of Human Rights.

We, the undersigning members of the European Parliament, are particularly concerned that political motives or Government interests should not intervene into court rulings in any state and under any circumstances. Should it be proved that this basic principle has been violated in your case, we support a new and fair trial.

A fair and impartial court system which is trusted by the citizens is fundamental for democracy.

Mr. Lebedev, we assure you that we will follow your case and your further legal efforts with most serious attention. We will also use our possibilities to get attention, and a reaction, from the side of the Council of Europe. We sincerely hope that you will celebrate your next birthday in normal conditions together with your family and your grandchildren. In the meantime, we wish that they will be allowed entrance to visit you at your detention centre or that you will be removed from there to stay closer to your home.

With our best wishes,

Milan Horáček

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