



CONFEDERATION OF POLITICAL PRISONERS OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

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PROCLAMATION

The Confederation of Political Prisoners of the Czech Republic, whose leaders were members of the Czechoslovak third anti-communist resistance and persons persecuted by the communist regime in Czechoslovakia in 1948–1989, is disturbed to observe certain aspects of political development in several succession states of the former Soviet Union.

The Confederation pays attention to those trials and court proceedings in the Russian Republic that are viewed as directly political or politically motivated by major parts of the world and the Russian public. The fates and the current situation of these sentenced persons are being closely monitored by the Confederation.

On the basis of information presently provided to the Confederation's Presidium, the Confederation is convinced that the rule of law and the proceedings taken up by Russian justice do not, in numerous individual cases, conform to internationally acknowledged legal norms and norms of humanity.

With all its political and moral weight, the Confederation of Political Prisoners of the Czech Republic therefore joins the demand to declare Valentin Danilov, Mikhail Trepashkin, Zara Murtazaliyeva, Mikhail Khodorkovsky and Platon Lebedev political prisoners.

The Confederation of Political Prisoners of the Czech Republic also demands an immediate objective and open revision of the cases of Igor Sutyagin, Valentin Danilov, Mikhail Trepashkin, Zara Murtazaliyeva, Mikhail Khodorkovsky and Platon Lebedev.

The Confederation of Political Prisoners of the Czech Republic believes that, due to its position and due to the significance of the proclamation's contents, its submitted requirements will receive corresponding attention.

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