



SEIMAS OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA
COMMITTEE ON EUROPEAN AFFAIRS
AND
COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

STATEMENT
REGARDING THE RELEASE OF NADIIA SAVCHENKO, UKRAINIAN MILITARY AIR
FORCE PILOT, AND OTHER UKRAINIAN CITIZENS ILLEGALLY HELD AGAINST
THEIR WILL IN THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

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The Committee on European Affairs and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania,

recalling their Statement of 22 August 2014 regarding the illegal detention of Nadiia Savchenko, Ukrainian military air force pilot, by the Russian Federation,

having regard to the fact that Nadiia Savchenko was elected to the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine in the early elections of 26 October 2014 and became Deputy of the Verkhovna Rada on 27 November 2014,

noting that it is the first time in the history of the independent state of Ukraine that the representative of the nation who has been elected in the democratic and free elections is unable to represent her voters in the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine because of being illegally detained and kept in custody in another state,

strongly condemn the illegal detention and imprisonment of Nadiia Savchenko, Ukrainian military air force pilot, and other Ukrainian citizens in the Russian Federation;

encourage government and law enforcement authorities of the Russian Federation to respect human rights and responsibly fulfil the international obligations in this connection, to immediately and unconditionally release Nadiia Savchenko, Oleg Sentsov and other Ukrainian citizens illegally held in the Russian Federation, and enable their return to their homeland;

address the national Parliaments of the Member States of the European Union and NATO and the European Parliament calling for strict and responsible evaluation of this violation and other violations of human rights by the authorities of the Russian Federation and for increased pressure on the Russian Federation to ensure that it complies with its international legal obligations.

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