



SEIMAS OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

RESOLUTION ON THE POISONING OF ALEXEI NAVALNY AND THE NORD STREAM 2 GAS PIPELINE

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The Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania,

having regard to the European Parliament resolution of 17 September 2020 on the situation in Russia: the poisoning of Alexei Navalny,

emphasising that the poisoning of Alexei Navalny with a nerve agent developed in Russian laboratories and prohibited by international treaties has very clearly demonstrated that the Kremlin is not prepared to change its aggressive and cynical treatment of the political opposition, *adding* that the energy exports are the main source of funding of Russia's aggressive foreign policy initiatives that mostly target the Baltic States and other countries of Central and Eastern Europe,

noting that the poisoning of Alexei Navalny reminds once again of the necessity to halt the construction of the Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline,

emphasising that the Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline, which is being laid along the bottom of the Baltic Sea, has no economic basis and is a geopolitical project which will increase Europe's dependence on the natural gas supplied by the Russian Federation,

reminding that the Russian Federation frequently uses gas supply as a tool of political and economic pressure on gas supply-dependent countries and that the Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline may potentially be used for this purpose, and that the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (hereinafter: the 'OSCE') expressed its concern in the Resolution on energy security in the OSCE area, adopted by the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly at the annual session in Luxembourg on 4-8 July 2019,

underlines that the state of democracy, universally recognised human rights and freedoms in the Russian Federation remains critical;

calls on the European Union (hereinafter: the 'EU') to adopt and implement in the near future the EU Magnitsky-style human rights sanctions mechanism, which would include a list of individuals and provide for sectoral sanctions aimed at the Russian regime;

stresses the need to continue supporting the Russian Federation's dissidents, non-governmental organisations and civil society organisations, as well as independent media and/or reporters;
invites the Federal Republic of Germany to abandon the Nord Stream 2 pipeline project;
calls on the EU to work towards the broadest possible diversification of energy sources and suppliers.

Speaker of the Seimas

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