

# Resolution on the detention of Ms Nadiia Savchenko

1. Having regard to the new extension until 16 April 2016 of the pre-trial detention of Ms Nadiia Savchenko, Ukrainian MP and former military pilot, kept in custody since June 2014;
2. Having regard to her illegal transfer from the conflict zone in eastern Ukraine to the territory of the Russian Federation in order to stand trial for having allegedly participated in killing of two Russian journalists on 17 June 2014;
3. Having regard to the potentially irreversible damage of the hunger strikes that the 34-year-old woman has undertaken in protest of her illegal detention;
4. Taking into account that the Minsk agreements signed on 12 February 2015 foresee the exchange of all hostages and persons unlawfully detained in the context of the conflict in the east of Ukraine;
5. Noting that since January 2015 Ms Savchenko enjoys European parliamentary immunity as member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe – immunity which has not been waived – and that the Russian Federation is bound to respect its obligations under international law, as a Party to the General Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of the Council of Europe (of 2 September 1949) and its Additional Protocol (of 6 November 1952);
6. Taking note of the numerous calls by the international human rights and political bodies to release Ms Savchenko, including in Resolutions of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe 2034 (2015) and 2063 (2015), Resolution of the European Parliament on “The case of Nadiya Savchenko” (30 April 2015) and Resolution of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly on “Abducted and illegally detained Ukrainian Citizens in the Russian Federation” (9 July 2015);
7. Having regard to other cases of illegal detention of Ukrainian citizens by the Russian Federation following the illegal annexation of Crimea and beginning of the armed conflict in the east of Ukraine;

We call on the authorities of the Russian Federation to:

- immediately release Ms Nadiia Savchenko and other illegally detained Ukrainian citizens or to transfer them to Ukraine;
- refrain from turning Ms Savchenko and other illegally detained Ukrainian citizens into hostages, from endangering their lives and from violating their fundamental rights.