

*Council of Europe*  
*The Secretary General*

Strasbourg, 29 March 2021

Dear High Commissioner, *Dear Tatiana,*

I wish to thank you once again for the warm welcome and hospitality that you provided during my visit to Moscow in October 2020. I was glad to hear about your important initiatives undertaken and I would like to reiterate that the Council of Europe is a steadfast supporter of the important work you carry out on human rights protection.

In the framework of our regular exchanges, I should like to address you concerning the current situation of Mr Aleksey Navalny. As you may be aware, I have previously expressed my deep regret regarding the imprisonment of Mr Navalny upon his return to Moscow.

In this respect, I took note of the recent reports from the lawyers of Mr Navalny concerning the penitentiary conditions that he is subject to, and alarmed by complaints from Mr Navalny on his ill-treatment by the penitentiary personnel. I also noted news concerning the deterioration of his health, and difficulties in receiving appropriate medical care.

Bearing in mind the important humanitarian concerns in this case, I should like to ask you to accord close attention to the personal situation of Mr Navalny. I should be most appreciative if you were to share with me the results of any relevant actions you conduct in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

  
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