

Van: Toor, T. van

Verzonden: maandag 24 mei 2021 15:31

Aan: GC-Commissie-buza

Onderwerp: Fwd: Statement

Aan de leden van de vaste commissie voor Buitenlandse Zaken

Geachte leden,

Hierbij leg ik u het voorstel voor van de leden Sjoerdsma en Brekelmans om namens de commissie aan te sluiten bij onderstaande verklaring over de interceptie gisteren van vliegtuig door Wit-Rusland. Wilt u op korte termijn, zo mogelijk nog vandaag voor 18.00 uur, via reply all, laten weten of u namens uw fractie met dit voorstel instemt.

Theo van Toor, griffier

Begin doorgestuurd bericht:

Van: "Sjoerdsma, S."

Datum: 24 mei 2021 om 14:54:19 CEST

Aan: "Toor, T. van", "Brekelmans, R.P. (Ruben)", "Hemmen, M."

Onderwerp: Statement

Theo,

Ik zou graag met collega Brekelmans met spoed aan de commissie voorleggen om ons als NL parlement bij dit statement aan te sluiten. Kan jij eea in werking stellen aub?

Dank
Sjoerd



We, the chairs of our respective national parliament's Foreign Affairs Committees, condemn unequivocally the threat of violence used against a civilian aircraft in the skies over Belarus. Using fighter aircraft to intercept a civilian Ryanair flight is an act of piracy on a route between two NATO and EU countries. This reckless act put the passengers and crew in grave danger. It is a reminder of the illegitimacy of the administration claiming authority in Minsk.

We call for an immediate inquiry to be held by the International Civil Aviation Organisation into this clear violation of free transit between states and the threats to the aircraft.

Until ICAO has reported, we call for Belarus to be suspended from the organisation and a ban on all overflight of Belarus including flights to and from the country. It is clear that the current administration in Minsk has no respect for the safety of our citizens and cannot be trusted to defend their rights. This act of state terror and kidnapping is a threat to all those who travel in Europe and beyond. It cannot be allowed to stand.

We call on NATO and European Union States to put sanctions on the Lukashenka regime and suspend their ability to use Interpol and other international organisations to further attack democracy in Europe. We call for free elections to be held under the supervision of the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe. We call for the immediate and unconditional release of Raman Pratasevich and all other political prisoners.

Tyranny has no place in Belarus or in Europe. It threatens not only its own citizens but millions of others around the world.

Sen Pavel Fischer
Chair, Czech Republic

Norbert Röttgen MdB
Chair, Germany

Charlie Flanagan TD
Chair, Ireland

Tom Tugendhat MP
Chair, United Kingdom

Rihards Kols
Chair, Latvia

Žygimantas Pavilionis
Chair, Lithuania

Sen Bogdan Klich
Chair, Poland

Sen Bob Menendez
Chair, United States