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Statement by the spokesperson of EU High Representative Catherine Ashton on the case of Sergey Magnitsky

The spokesperson of Catherine Ashton, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice President of the Commission, issued the following statement today:

"The High Representative is concerned at the guilty verdict issued by the Tverskoi court in Moscow against Sergey Magnitsky and William Browder.

Mr Magnitsky has been posthumously declared a criminal on the basis of unfair procedures and unconvincing evidence, while neither the corruption scandal he helped to uncover nor the circumstances of his death have been clarified.

The High Representative remains concerned about the premature closure of the investigation into Mr Magnitsky’s death last March, in spite of compelling evidence of wrongdoing".

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