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## **STEERING COMMITTEE POSITION ON IMPOSING SANCTIONS AGAINST RUSSIAN MEDIA**

The Steering Committee of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum (EaP CSF) condemns the killing of Boris Nemtsov, Russian opposition leader and campaigner for a free and democratic Russia and calls for the speedy arrest of those responsible for the murder.

The Steering Committee recalls that Nemtsov repeatedly argued for western sanctions against media owners and managers in Russia who disregard journalistic ethical codes and broadcast mendacious propaganda at home and abroad. This propaganda supports President Vladimir Putin's war in Ukraine and seeks to destabilise other Eastern Partnership countries.

Accordingly, the EaP CSF has a special responsibility to monitor and combat this propaganda, which directly threatens the reform agenda to which the Eastern Partnership is committed.

**The Steering Committee recalls its resolution passed last November in Batumi, Georgia and reiterates its call to the EU to consider the imposition of travel and other sanctions on Russian media company owners, board members, managers, editors and others who are involved in news manipulation which deprives people of their right to objective information.** The EaP CSF steering committee reminds EU decision-makers that the Russian speaking population in Eastern Partnership countries, as well as in some of the EU member states is vulnerable to the constant Kremlin media manipulation, which promotes fear, insecurity and aggression towards its neighbours.

The effects of this media war has led to the daily loss of human lives in Ukraine and now the murder of Boris Nemtsov himself. The EU has already sanctioned Dmitry Kiselyov, head of the new official Russian government owned international news agency *Rossiya Segodnya*, and the time has now come to extend the list to other media people including those whom Mr. Nemtsov himself identified as appropriate targets of western sanctions.

These would include:

- Konstantin Ernst, First Channel, General Director
- Oleg Dobrodeev, All-Russian State TV and Radio Company, General Director
- Vladimir Kulistikov, NTV, General Director
- Mikhail Leontyev, press-secretary of “Rosneft”, former author of “Odnako” (“However) TV programme (First Channel)
- Grigory Krichevskiy, “Zvezda” TV channel, General Director
- Margarita Simonyan, “Russia Today”, Chief-Editor
- Aram Gabrelyanov, Life News, General Director
- Valery Fadeev, Host of the TV programme “Structure of the Moment” (First Channel), Chief-Editor of “Expert” magazine
- Pyotr Tolstoy, Host of “Politics” TV programme (First Channel)
- Aleksandr Gordon, Host of “Politics” TV programme and some other TV shows (First Channel)
- Vladimir Solovyov, Host of “Sunday Evening with Vladimir Solovyov” and other TV programmes (“Russia” 1 TV channel)
- Arkady Mamontov, Host and author of “Special Correspondent” and other TV programmes (“Russia” 1 TV channel)
- Boris Kozhevnikov, Host of the TV show “Live Air” (“Russia” 1 TV channel)
- Andrey Norkin, Host of the TV programme “The list of Norkin” (NTV)
- Roman Babayan, Host of the TV programme “The Rights of Speech” (“TV Centre” channel)

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