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Kazakhstan: civil society organisations are calling for personal sanctions for lack of international and impartial investigations of violent crackdown on peaceful protesters

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This written declaration does not reflect the position of the Assembly; only of those members that have signed it. It will not be considered further by the Assembly.

We, the undersigned, declare the following:

Since January 2022, no list of the 10 000 arrested peaceful protesters and hundreds killed has been published; the number of political prisoners has been increased by 133 to 145.

Victims of torture Moldabay Sadibekov, Akylzhan Kiysimbayev, Kosai Makhanbayev are persecuted for demanding justice, to employ the OSCE Moscow Mechanism and UN special procedures.

We demand investigation of every torture complain, as well as those made prior to the January protests, including of Iskander Yerimbetov and Aset Abishev.

Despite of announced "New Kazakhstan" reforms, the new independent political parties, such as "Alga, Kazakhstan!" are not allowed to be registered; peaceful protests, including against the Russian Federation's aggression in Ukraine, remain restricted. The referendum was conducted with multiple irregularities; constitutional amendments do not bring any substantial political improvements.

We deplore the fabrication of posthumous accusations in terrorism or looting, as in cases of Nurbolat Alpamys and Nursultan Kuatbayev, to justify the pretext for inviting a Russian-led Collective Security Treaty Organisation military to suppress peaceful protests.

We call on Kazakhstan to immediately release all political prisoners, including Saltanat Kusmankyzy, Bekizhan Mendygaziyev, stop persecution of Aya Sadvakasova, Raigul Sadyrbayeva, Aliya Issenova, Bakhytzhan Toregozhina, Shalipa Bekkulova, Ayan Kalmurat, who identified 194 killed peaceful civilians and impose personal sanctions to perpetrators.

Signed (see overleaf)

Signed[1]*:*

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Total = 31

1. ALDE: Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe
EC/DA: European Conservatives Group and Democratic Alliance
EPP/CD: Group of the European People's Party
SOC: Socialists, Democrats and Greens Group
UEL: Group of the Unified European Left
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