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Malta – detention without trial

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We the undersigned note with concern the number of people currently held in prison or on bail in Malta, in breach of Article 5 of the European Convention on Human Rights, for unacceptably long periods without charge or trial.

We particularly note the case of a British National, Jovica Kolakovic, who has been held first in prison and subsequently on bail since 2009, without charge or trial, understand that Mr Kolakovic has been denied the right to return, while on bail, to the United Kingdom to see his four children and believes that the failings of the judicial system in Malta warrant the attention and investigation of the Monitoring Committee of the Parliamentary Assembly.

Signed (see overleaf)

Signed[1]*:*

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Total = 21

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1. ALDE: Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe
EDG: European Democrat Group
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SOC: Socialist Group
NR: Representatives not belonging to a Political Group