

Statement

The European Cultural Parliament (ECP) -- at its 6th session in Sibiu, Romania today commemorates the anniversary of the assassination of Anna Politkovskaya who was a forceful member of the ECP. The chairman of the ECP, Mr. Pär Stenbäck stated: "we will always miss her honest and courageous voice in our debates."

This brutal act was at the same time an attack on the freedom of speech and democratic values. Until the murder case is fully solved, it remains an obstacle to Russia's full inclusion into the European cultural sphere, the ECP underlines.

The ECP is an independent, pan European Forum comprising 150 artists and intellectuals from over 40 European countries.