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European Parliament resolution of 16 December 2010 on the Annual Report on Human Rights in the World 2009 and the European Union's policy on the matter (2010/2202(INI))

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120. Urges the Russian judicial authorities to press ahead with the investigation of the death on 16 November 2009 of Russian lawyer Sergey Magnitsky; deplores that this case is still an outstanding example of the serious shortcomings within the country's judicial system; regrets the situation that, while human rights defenders are often subject to a harsh treatment and trials that ignore the Russian Federation's Code of Criminal Procedure (such as its Article 72 in the case against Oleg Orlov of Memorial for slander), those guilty of aggressions against and even murder of human rights defenders, independent journalists and lawyers still too often enjoy impunity; calls on the Council, in the absence of positive moves from the Russian authorities to cooperate and investigate the case of Sergey Magnitsky, to insist that the Russian authorities bring those responsible to justice and to consider imposing an EU entry ban for Russian officials involved in this case, and encourages EU law enforcement agencies to cooperate in freezing bank accounts and other assets of these Russian officials in all EU Member States;