

## **POSITION**

## of the Justice and Human Rights Committee taken on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2010

## regarding the death of lawyer Sergei Magnitsky

A short time ago, a year has passed since the death in the Russian Federation of lawyer Sergei Magnitsky. Until this day the circumstances of that occurrence have not been clarified.

In view of the above, the Justice and Human Rights Committee expresses its concern at the protraction of the proceedings carried out by the Russian authorities as well as at the state of the observance of human rights in the Russian Federation.

Minding about human and civil rights, the issues of civic freedom and democratic values, the Committee expresses the hope that all circumstances of Sergei Magnitsky's death shall be thoroughly investigated in keeping with the standards in effect in all democratic, law-governed states.

Committee Chairman

(-) Ryszard Kalisz