

Resolution of the SI Council on Belarus

The Council of the Socialist International expresses solidarity with the people of Belarus. We strongly condemn the mass repressions in Belarus and demand the end of dictatorial actions aiming to terrorize the Belarusian people. We are very concerned about the lack of any information about the state of health of Nikolai Statkevich, the chairman of the Narodnaya Hramada party, which is a member of the Socialist International. Nikolai Statkevich has been in incommunicado mode for more than a year.

We demand the immediate and unconditional release of Nikolai Statkevich, as well as more than 1,700 political prisoners. The fate of Belarusian political prisoners cannot be a subject of bargaining.

Lukashenko is an accomplice of the regime of Vladimir Putin, an accomplice in Russia's war against Ukraine. Lukashenko does not represent the Belarusian people. The actions of Lukashenko's criminal regime have put the sovereignty of Belarus at risk and threaten the security and the stability of the broader region.

We call on the international community and the governments of democratic countries to put pressure on the Lukashenko regime in order to put an end to repression in Belarus.

The Socialist International calls on all social-democratic parties to join the international solidarity campaign "Show Nikolai Statkevich."