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**Subject:** RE: Suspending Russian organisations from the Transparency Register

Dear Vice-President Barley, please find below the reply of Vice-President Věra Jourová to your email and proposal.

*Dear Vice-President Barley, dear Katarina,*

*I would like to thank you for your message of 15 March and your proposal on behalf of the Parliament's Bureau on a possible suspension of specific Russian organisations from the Transparency Register.*

*On behalf of the Commission, I do signal my agreement of principle with that proposal. As you suggest, I agree that the three institutions instruct the Secretariat of the Transparency Register to suspend the organisations concerned as causing damage to the reputation of the register in accordance with point (e) of the code of conduct set out in Annex I to the Interinstitutional Agreement.*

*We should indeed target the 13 Russian-headquartered interest representatives having an entry in the Transparency Register, as identified in the list attached to your message. I further agree that, in a second stage, the three institutions consider to extend the measure to organisations based outside the Russian Federation but having clear links to the Russian regime and companies of Russian state interests.*

*Yours sincerely,*

*Věra Jourová*

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**Subject:** Suspending Russian organisations from the Transparency Register

Dear State Secretary, dear Commission Vice President, dear Vera, dear Clement,

The Parliament's Bureau met last week and, on President Metsola's initiative, agreed that Parliament should seek the agreement of the Council and the Commission to suspend Russian interest representatives on the Transparency Register.

As Vice President responsible for the Transparency Register I thus propose the following on behalf of the Parliament's Bureau:

As an initial step suspension would be targeted at the 13 Russia-headquartered lobbyists on the Register (see list attached).

In a second stage, other organisations based outside Russia but clearly working to promote the interests of Russian companies could also be targeted (e.g. Rosneft Deutschland, Nord Stream II based in Switzerland).

The case against these organisations is that their presence on the Register “damage(s) the reputation of the register” (point (e) of the Code of Conduct). Suspension, however, would be lifted (or not imposed in the first place) if organisations publicly and unequivocally condemned the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

Given that this would be an ad hoc measure it would be preferable in our view that our three institutions agree this at political level. Should there be such interinstitutional agreement, for which I very much hope, this would be sufficient instruction for the Transparency Register Joint Secretariat to proceed to suspend organisations in line with the provisions above.

If you can agree to this demarche I would be very grateful if you might signal your agreement by replying to this email.

Best regards,

Katarina Barley  
Vice President