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**Bureau
Parliamentary Assembly, Council of Europe**

Appeal!

The development of the idea of creating a light rail in Moscow (hereinafter referred to as **LRT Line**), which was started on my own initiative in 2011, and the analysis carried out in subsequent years shows the possibility of implementing this project from extrabudgetary sources with the involvement of private funds¹. Currently, the LRT Line initiative has been supplemented by a set of initiatives, including the introduction of paid entry, landscaping of streets and the organization of tram and pedestrian zones within the Garden Ring of Moscow (hereinafter the **Initiative**, see details on the website www.uzir.ru)

Long-term correspondence with various branches of the Government of Moscow, and later with various federal ministries and both chambers of the Russian parliament, has clearly shown that the legislative bodies in the Russian Federation represented by both its committees and individual deputies play the role of advisory bodies to ministries rather than full-fledged representatives of the independent branch.

My appeal undertaken in 2018 to the Supreme Court of the Russian Federation with the requirements of canceling the refusal of the Federal Antimonopoly Service of Russia (hereinafter **FAS Russia**) to conduct antitrust investigations against the Government of Moscow and challenging the decision of the Government of the Russian Federation on transferring the Moscow Metro enterprises to the municipal property of Moscow was not considered in essence on any stages, from the first instance to the stage of supervision.

The recommendation of the Supreme Court of the Russian Federation and, later, the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation to file a lawsuit in relation to the FAS Russia to the district court led to the termination of the case at the request of the FAS Russia.

My requests for a forensic examination at my expense, which allows me to compare the real benefits of replacing the Kommunarskaya metro line which is under construction and which came into sight during the consideration by the Moscow Government of the LRT Line, with the proposed high-speed tram, were also rejected in the district court at the request of representatives of both the Moscow Government and requests FAS Russia and the Ministry of Transport of the Russian Federation. Thus, the judiciary did not demonstrate independence in resolving this conflict.

The position of the state authorities of the Russian Federation in aggregate violates my right as a citizen to participate in the management of affairs in the state, the right to free labor and the right to fair and effective judicial protection, which are provided to me not only by the relevant provisions of the International Bill of Human Rights and the European Social Charter, but also the European Convention on Human Rights and the Constitution of the Russian Federation.

¹ <https://www.uzir.ru/skorostnoj-tramvaj>

The written replies of various committees of the State Duma and the Council of the Federation (chambers of the Russian parliament), as well as the responses of federal ministries and various departments of the Government of Moscow are given in the appendices to my appeals to the UN Human Rights Council (see [Appendix 1](#)), as well as to the European Court of human rights (see [Appendix 2](#)). The official position of the Supreme and Constitutional Courts of the Russian Federation on the exhaustion of the author's ability to challenge the Russian Federation are given in Annexes 13 and 15 to the complaint to the ECHR).

I ask the respected Bureau to pay attention that the process of the current registration of candidates for deputies to the Moscow City Duma which is under the close supervision of the Moscow Government. It seems that the true aim of this control is the exclusion of opposition candidates for the upcoming parliamentary elections in Moscow on September 08, 2019. Thus, there will be no real competitive mechanisms on an objective consideration of alternatives in the largest agglomeration of the Russian Federation, which makes up 20% of the population of the whole country and accounts for more than a quarter of Russia's GDP.

I ask the Bureau, taking into account the work on the preparation of the report of the PACE Monitoring Committee "The honoring of obligations and commitments by the Russian Federation" and the planned report of the delegation of the Russian Federation during the 37th session of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, submit to the Monitoring Committee for consideration of my appeal and consider the possibility of monitoring the parliamentary elections in Moscow. My appeal to the Bureau of Congress is given in [Appendix 3](#) to this letter.

I would be very grateful for the positive decision of the Bureau to devote time to my appeal and, at the same time, allow me to note that the mechanism I developed for implementing infrastructure projects (hereinafter referred to as the [Mechanism](#)), in the opinion of its author, is able to mitigate many imbalances between the branches of government, increase the role and expand the economic the basis of local self-government in densely populated urban areas of the Russian Federation, as well as lead to a significant mitigation of the burden of the population to pay for both transport services and housing and communal services due to the redistribution of local taxes, as well as the introduction of competitive procedures for the selection of public partners and concessionors on behalf of the Russian Federation in public-private partnership projects and concessions.

A successful solution of the tasks set by the Mechanism has not only domestic potential, but also can prevent the escalation of social tension in Russia caused by economic difficulties and eliminate the risks of transforming the energy of domestic Russian social sentiment into foreign policy.

Since the course of consideration of the Initiatives and the Mechanism in the Russian Federation contains facts of violation of the UN Guiding Principles of Entrepreneurship in the aspect of human rights (items 8, 25, 26, 27, 31.d), I would be grateful if the Bureau considers it possible to send my appeal to The Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights to consider the possibility of using the materials of my complaints to the UN and the ECHR as part of the prepared report "Human rights and business - what follow-up to Committee of Ministers Recommendation CM/Rec(2016)3".

Hoping for a favorable response and interested participation,

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1. [Complaint to the UN Human Rights Council on 07/23/2019](#), 11 pages;
2. [The complaint to the ECHR on 07/30/2019](#), 13 страниц;
3. [Appeal to the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe of 08/09/2019](#), 2 страницы.

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