



To the president and the members of the bureau and the presidential committee of the
Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

Ede (NL), June 23 2019

Dear madam, sir,

This letter is written on behalf of the 'Stichting Vliegcramp MH17', the association of families of the victims of the MH17. You remember that flight MH17 was shot down by a BUK rocket over Eastern Ukraine on July 17, 2014. All 298 people on board died immediately and we are still searching for truth and justice for our fathers, mothers, daughters, sons, sisters and brothers who were on board.

The international community took action. UN Security Council resolution 2166 asked for full cooperation of all Member States.

Recently the international investigation team, which has worked on the case for nearly 5 years, made public the names of 4 suspects. Three of them have Russian nationality.

So far Russia has refused to cooperate with the investigation. It mysteriously lost radar data of the incident (which it first presented) and has aired a lot of misinformation.

We are aware that you are a rules based organization and that you took sanctions against the Russian delegation after the illegal occupation of Crimea and Eastern Ukraine.

In the coming week you may lift the sanctions and allow Russia to come back with full rights.

We ask you: please organize an urgent debate and force Russia to work together with the investigation, like other European nations do.

May we count on you to get justice for our loved ones?

Sincerely yours,

Piet Ploeg,
President of Stichting Vliegcramp MH17