

STATEMENT

Liberals must join allies and impose sanctions on Russian officials

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Ottawa, ON – The Hon. Michael Chong, Conservative Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs, issued the following statement regarding the US and EU sanctions announced on Russian officials for the poisoning and jailing of Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny:

“For months, Conservatives have been calling on the Liberal government to work with our allies to impose sanctions on Russian officials responsible for poisoning Alexei Navalny. The Trudeau Liberals have sat on the sidelines while the United States and the European Union have taken action.

“Yesterday, the United States announced sanctions on seven Russian officials and more than a dozen businesses for their role in the attempted assassination of opposition leader Alexei Navalny and his imprisonment. The European Union also imposed sanctions on four senior Russian officials over his jailing. This follows sanctions the European Union imposed on Russian officials last October for their role in Alexei Navalny’s poisoning.

“Conservatives reiterate our call for the Liberal government to join our European and American allies and impose sanctions on the Russian officials responsible for these human rights violations and for the violation of an international chemical weapons treaty.

“The Liberal government talks about working multilaterally and upholding the rules-based international order, but when given the chance they fail to act.”

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