

Individuals Responsible for Violating the Russian Federation's International Commitments With Regard to the Rule of Law and Diplomatic Relations

Name	Position	Public Institution	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Examples of Violations
Vladislav Yurievich SURKOV	First Deputy Head	Presidential Administration of the Russian Federation	Sept. 21, 1964	Lipetsk Region, Russia	Oversaw the establishment and activities of <i>Nashi (Ours)</i> youth movement that in 2006 and 2007 conducted a campaign of harassment against British Ambassador Tony Brenton and Estonian Ambassador Marina Kaljurand (disrupted meetings, shouted abuse, blocked vehicles) in violation of Russia's obligations under the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations that requires receiving states to treat a diplomatic person " <i>with due respect and... take all appropriate steps to prevent any attack on his person, freedom or dignity</i> " (29). Publicly instructed <i>Nashi</i> members that " <i>elections must be won by [Dmitri] Medvedev, [Vladimir] Putin and United Russia [party]</i> " and told them to " <i>prepare for elections, train... your muscles</i> " (Dec. 11, 2010) in violation of Russia's commitments under the OSCE Copenhagen Document that calls for " <i>a clear separation between the State and political parties</i> " (5.4) and requires " <i>political campaigning to be conducted in a fair and free atmosphere in which neither administrative action, violence nor intimidation bars the parties and the candidates from freely presenting their views</i> " (7.7). Under the Allocation of Duties to Officials of the Presidential Administration, oversaw interactions with the media, political parties, and the Central Electoral Commission during the 2007 State Duma election campaign that was characterized by " <i>the extensive use of administrative resources...on behalf of United Russia</i> " which constituted " <i>an abuse of power and a clear violation of international commitments and standards</i> " (Joint Statement by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Parliamentary Assembly of the OSCE and the Nordic Council, Dec. 3, 2007).
Vladimir	Chairman	Central Electoral	Mar. 17,	Leningrad,	Oversaw the organization and conduct, and certified the

<p>Yevgenievich CHUROV</p>		<p>Commission of the Russian Federation</p>	<p>1953</p>	<p>Russia</p>	<p>results of the Dec. 2, 2007 State Duma elections that were characterized by “<i>persistent reports of harassment of opposition candidates, detentions, confiscation of election material, threats against voters and allegations of the potential misuse of absentee certificates</i>” and “<i>the extensive use of administrative resources...on behalf of United Russia [party]</i>” which constituted “<i>an abuse of power and a clear violation of international commitments and standards</i>” (Joint Statement by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Parliamentary Assembly of the OSCE and the Nordic Council, Dec. 3, 2007). Introduced “<i>unprecedented restrictions</i>” on observers from the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR), limiting their number and time of stay in the Russian Federation, and rendering ODIHR “<i>unable to deliver its mandate</i>” (OSCE ODIHR Press Release, Nov. 16, 2007). Refused to act in response to the mass confiscations by police authorities of campaign materials of the opposition <i>Union of Right Forces</i> party in violation of Russia’s commitments under the OSCE Copenhagen Document that requires participating states to “<i>enable [political parties] to compete with each other on a basis of equal treatment before the law and by the authorities</i>” (7.6); provided knowingly false information to the European Court of Human Rights, claiming in a Jan. 14, 2008 letter that the confiscations were legal, contrary to the Nov. 26, 2007 rulings by the Podolsk City Court and the Sverdlovsky District Court in Perm that they were illegal. Oversaw the organization and conduct, and officially certified the results of the Mar. 2, 2008 presidential elections that “<i>repeated most of the flaws revealed during the Duma elections of December 2007</i>” (Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe Observation Report, Mar. 17, 2008). Refused to admit the OSCE ODIHR planning mission before the start of the presidential election campaign; “<i>created limitations that are not conducive to undertaking election observation in accordance with [the OSCE mandate]</i>” (OSCE ODIHR</p>
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Vasily Grigorievich YAKEMENKO	Head	Federal Agency for Youth Affairs of the Russian Federation	May 27, 1971	Moscow Region, Russia	Press Release, Feb. 7, 2008). In 1994 cofounded <i>Akbars</i> Limited Liability Company along with five convicted members of the “ <i>Complex 29</i> ” criminal gang, all currently serving prison terms for racketeering, organizing a criminal association, kidnapping and murder. In 2005 founded, and in 2005-2007 led <i>Nashi (Ours)</i> youth movement that in 2006 and 2007 conducted a campaign of harassment against British Ambassador Tony Brenton and Estonian Ambassador Marina Kaljurand (disrupted meetings, shouted abuse, blocked vehicles) in violation of Russia’s obligations under the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations that requires receiving states to treat a diplomatic person “ <i>with due respect and... take all appropriate steps to prevent any attack on his person, freedom or dignity</i> ” (29). In April and May 2007 organized and led a siege of the Estonian embassy. On May 1, 2007 publicly called for “dismantling” the Estonian embassy building. On Nov. 21, 2007, during the State Duma election campaign, <i>Nashi</i> physically attacked opposition <i>Union of Right Forces</i> candidate Boris Nemtsov during a campaign trip to Krasnoyarsk, in violation of Russia’s commitments under the OSCE Copenhagen Document that requires “ <i>political campaigning to be conducted in a fair and free atmosphere in which neither administrative action, violence nor intimidation bars the parties and the candidates from freely presenting their views</i> ” (7.7). Banned from entering the European Union since 2007.
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