

## SRES 708

A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on the political repression in Belarus on the two-year anniversary of the August 2020, fraudulent presidential election.

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This resolution expresses that the Senate

- continues to refuse to recognize Alyaksandr Lukashenka as the legitimately elected leader of Belarus;
- condemns the ongoing harassment and persecution of opposition leaders, civil society activists, human rights defenders, and independent media carried out by the Lukashenka regime;
- urges the immediate release, without preconditions, of all political prisoners in Belarus;
- calls for new presidential and parliamentary elections to be held in Belarus and conducted in a manner that meets international standards and includes independent election monitoring; and
- encourages President Biden to swiftly appoint a new Special Envoy for Belarus to support the pro-democracy movement in Belarus.

### **Actions Timeline**

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