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to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
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Subject: VP/HR - Somalia - abuse against displaced persons

I have recently been made aware of a report by Human Rights Watch on the situation of internally displaced persons in Somalia ('Hostages of the Gatekeepers: Abuses against Internally Displaced in Mogadishu, Somalia'). The report states that members of state security forces and armed groups have raped, beaten, and otherwise abused displaced Somalis who have been arriving in Somalia's capital since 2011, fleeing famine and armed conflict.

Is the High Representative aware of this report? Has the issue been raised with the authorities in Mogadishu?

What action is the EU taking to help ensure that displaced communities in Somalia are protected from further abuse, and that the perpetrators are appropriately disciplined or prosecuted?