

Question for written answer E-009088/2014
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - clauses in negotiations on the bilateral EU-Cuba agreement

During Federica Mogherini's hearing before the European Parliament on 6 October 2014, the High Representative/ confirmed – in her response to my question on the topic – that the economic opening of Cuba would be linked to the development of basic freedoms for the people of Cuba.

In the light of this response, does Ms Mogherini consider the clauses requested for inclusion in the agreement by the Cuban civil society, which brings together the island's main prodemocracy movements, as necessary conditions for the ratification of the bilateral agreement with the Castro regime? The clauses are:

- Unconditional release of all political prisoners;
- The end of political repression against the peaceful movement for human rights and democracy on the island;
- Respect for international commitments, ratification of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and compliance with the International Labour Organisation's conventions;
- Recognition of the legitimacy of Cuban civil society as a valid interlocutor in negotiations with international bodies.