

Question for written answer E-000114/2015
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Opening of dialogue between the US and Cuba

The public announcement of the re-opening of dialogue made by the Heads of State of the US, Barack Obama, and Cuba, Raúl Castro, marks an important turning point in diplomatic relations between the two countries, which could have consequences on the international stage and especially on the economic and social situation of the Cuban people.

1. Was the High Representative aware of the negotiations between the US and Cuba concerning the normalisation of bilateral relations between the two countries?
2. If so, has the EEAS had any role or involvement in the negotiations to ensure that this new phase in Cuba's international relations serves to increase the protection of human rights on the island?
3. Has any contact been made with members of the Cuban opposition who have been persecuted or imprisoned by the regime to ensure that the benefits of the re-opening of relations include the freedoms of the whole population rather than being limited to increasing the economic advantages of the regime?