Question for written answer E-001144/2015 to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative) Rule 130 Hugues Bayet (S&D)

Subject: VP/HR - Right to drive in Saudi Arabia

Two women are in custody awaiting trial in Saudi Arabia for protesting against the ban that country continues to impose on women driving.

In a press release, Human Rights Watch called for the 'immediate release' of the two young women – Loujain al-Hathloul and Maysaa al-Amoudi – and criticised the Saudi authorities again for their refusal to allow women to drive.

1. Does the Vice-President/High Representative intend to take a stance on this issue?

2. Does she intend to raise the matter with the Saudi Government?

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