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to the Commission**

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Subject: Follow-up to urgency resolution on human rights in Uzbekistan

On October 2014 Parliament adopted an urgency resolution on human rights in Uzbekistan in which it called on the Vice-President / High Representative, the EEAS and the Member States to put in motion a strategy with the aim of pressing Uzbekistan for concrete, measurable human rights improvements, setting the tenth anniversary of the Andijan massacre as a deadline for progress. Should there be no progress in this area by May 2015, Parliament calls for the EU to impose targeted punitive measures and to lead on the establishment of a dedicated UN mechanism for Uzbekistan at the UN Human Rights Council.

Has the VP/HR urged the Government of Uzbekistan to undertake concrete and measurable human rights improvements as outlined in Parliament's resolution?

Has the VP/HR called publicly for the immediate and unconditional release of all human rights defenders and prisoners of conscience?

Should the government of Uzbekistan fail by 13 May 2015 to have shown any concrete and measurable improvements as defined above, can the Commission confirm that the EU will take the lead and table a UN Human Rights Council resolution under item 4 establishing a dedicated UN mechanism for Uzbekistan, and move to impose targeted punitive measures on that country?