Question for written answer E-013810/2015 to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative) Rule 130 Joëlle Bergeron (EFDD)

Subject: VP/HR - the Karl Andree case in Saudi Arabia

British citizen Karl Andree has been in prison for over a year in Saudi Arabia following his arrest for being in possession of wine. He has now served his sentence, but still faces 350 lashes. The British Government recently pulled out of a deal to modernise the Saudi Arabian prison system.

- 1. Has the High Representative been following this case?
- 2. Has she made diplomatic representations to the authorities in Riyadh in an effort to secure the release of Karl Andree and spare him the barbaric punishment he faces?