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to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
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Subject: VP/HR - Human rights violations in the Islamic Republic of Iran

As part of the Strategic Framework on Human Rights and Democracy drawn up in 2012, the EU pledged to 'integrate the promotion of human rights into trade' with countries outside the EU.

What is more, Article 2 of the EU's Charter of Fundamental Rights states that everyone has the right to life and that no one should be sentenced to death.

In Iran, meanwhile, according to Amnesty International, 694 people were put to death between 1 January and 15 July 2015, the equivalent of more than three executions a day (<https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2015/07/irans-staggering-execution-spree/>), and, according to the Iranian National Liberation Army, two women were readied for execution during the VP/HR's visit to the country on 28 July 2015.

1. In the light of this information, can the Commission explain why, during the official visit to Iran in July and in the context of the nuclear deal, the VP/HR failed to raise the issue of the Iranian regime's routine violations of the human rights of its own people, and its women in particular?
2. Does the VP/HR not agree that the Iranian regime should be put under constant political pressure to end executions and begin upholding human rights?