

**Question for written answer P-003749/2015**  
**to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: VP/HR - CUBA-EU negotiations

One of the conditions for restoring diplomatic ties between Cuba and the US, for which negotiations started in December 2014, was the release of 53 prisoners held in Cuba, whose names have been kept secret. However, the number of dissidents and human rights activists imprisoned by the forces of the Cuban Regime exceeds hundreds.

1. Would the VP/HR support the release of all political prisoners and human rights activists as a non-negotiable condition for continuing discussions with the Castro Regime?
2. Would the VP/HR find it useful to attend Parliament's plenary session in April to make a statement on the state of the negotiations between the EU and the Government of Cuba?