

**Question for written answer P-014027/2015
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**
Rule 130
Francisco Assis (S&D)

Subject: VP/HR - State of health of the Angolan activist Albano Bingobingo, on hunger strike in prison

On 20 June 2015, 15 Angolan activists were arrested and subsequently charged with plotting a coup. Three of the activists are now on hunger strike and their lives are in great danger. Luaty Beirão went on hunger strike 30 days ago and is being held at a private clinic. Nelson Dibango began a hunger strike on 9 October and has been moved to the São Paulo Prison Hospital in Luanda. Albano Bingobingo has been on hunger strike for 12 days and, although he is already unable to stand up, has not only had no medical treatment so far, but on 14 October was even transferred from the São Paulo Prison Hospital to the Luanda Central District Prison, where he is being held among convicted rapists in quarters which journalists describe as a human pigsty. In view of these very serious cases and, in particular, the subhuman conditions in which Albano Bingobingo is being held:

- What steps will the EU take to ensure that Albano Bingobingo receives medical care as a matter of urgency?
- How will it endeavour to ensure that freedom of expression and freedom of assembly are fully respected in Angola and prisoners are treated properly?