**Marietje Schaake,** *author***.** – Mr President, Shahidul Alam is well-known photographer and a human rights defender, and under the controversial Digital Securities Act and ICT Act for online speech, he is now accused of ‘speech that hurts the image of the nation in Bangladesh’, while we consider it to fall under his right to freedom of expression. We call for his release and for the dropping of all charges against him.

Sadly, Alam is not the only one repressed in Bangladesh. There is a pattern of harassment, arrests and enforced disappearances, and we call on the High Representative to assess whether Bangladesh still complies with the trade arrangements we have under the ‘anything but arms’ agreement, because conditionality and accountability are very important when it comes to human rights and we must do what we can to improve the situation.