

**Question for written answer E-012739/2013  
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)  
Rule 117  
Sergio Berlato (PPE)**

Subject: VP/HR - Unwarranted arrest of an Italian citizen in Ghana

Local press have reported the arrest in Ghana of Luigi Serradura, a 62-year-old from Solagna (Province of Vicenza), suspected by the Ghanaian police of the murder of 74-year-old Egle Bellunato of Romano d'Ezzelino (Province of Vicenza also), in Amasaman on Tuesday 29 October. At present, there appears to be no clear evidence against Serradura that would constitute grounds for his arrest, and judging by witnesses' accounts, the arrest raises serious questions over the Ghanaian authorities' proper conduct of the matter. Furthermore, Serradura has been doing voluntary work in Ghana for several years, like hundreds of other European citizens throughout the world. This work often meets a violent response.

1. Does the High Representative/Commission Vice President intend to get involved in this affair and to support the Italian Embassy in Ghana?
2. In the event that this unwarranted detention continues, does she believe that European intervention would be in order, with a view to protecting the rights of a European citizen who is being wrongfully held in custody? If so, what practical action would she envisage?
3. What instruments can the European Union introduce to protect the personal safety of European citizens involved in voluntary work outside the EU?