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to the Commission
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Subject: VP/HR - imprisonment of members of the opposition in Congo-Brazzaville

Since the presidential elections of 20 March 2016, the political situation in Congo-Brazzaville has been highly unstable: opponents of Denis Sassou N'Guesso's regime are being denied their human rights amid a general climate of insecurity. If the European Union fails to act while leaders of the opposition are imprisoned, fundamental rights are being violated and power is being seized undemocratically, it becomes an accomplice to these crimes.

In this period of political instability, what action is the High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy taking to secure the release of members of the opposition in Congo-Brazzaville?