Question for written answer E-001991/2019
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
Charles Tannock (ECR)

Subject:  VP/HR - Blasphemy Laws in Pakistan

Stephen Masih is a 38-year-old Christian man with known mental health issues. While living with his mother and sister, a domestic argument escalated and neighbours became involved, with whom Masih continued the altercation. This dispute attracted the attention of local residents who removed Masih from his home and allegedly assaulted him. He was subsequently accused by these same neighbours of insulting the Prophet Mohammed, and arrested by police on charges of blasphemy upon their arrival at the scene. Stephen Masih remains in detention and could face the death penalty if convicted of the charges.

1. Is the VP/HR aware of this particular case?

2. Will she instruct the EU Delegation to Pakistan to monitor this case?