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**to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy**

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Subject: VP/HR - Dictatorship in Equatorial Guinea: complete disregard for human rights

Equatorial Guinea holds the unfortunate distinction of being the world's longest-standing dictatorship. On 3 August 1979, after taking the life of then president, Francisco Macías Nguema, Teodoro Obiang Nguema declared himself president of the country. The people of Equatorial Guinea have been deprived of their freedom for more than 50 years, the last 40 of them under the government of Teodoro Obiang Nguema, who has shown a blatant disregard for the most basic human rights.

The Human Rights Watch (HRW) 2019 World Human Rights report highlights the corruption, poverty and repression of civil and political rights in the country, as well as the repression of civil society organisations and opposition politicians and numerous cases of torture and unfair trials.

Does the VP/HR intend to call on the Government of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea to comply with democratic standards and uphold the human and civil rights of its citizens?