

**Question for written answer E-003868/2019**

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

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**Subject:** Arbitrary detention of José Daniel Ferrer García and other Cuban activists

The distinguished Cuban activist José Daniel Ferrer García, general coordinator of the opposition group Patriotic Union of Cuba ('Unión Patriótica de Cuba' – UNPACU) has been held in detention by the Díaz-Canel regime since 1 October 2019, along with other members of the opposition.

Amnesty International and the Secretary-General of the Organization of American States, Luis Almagro, reported recently that Mr Ferrer García has still not been told why he was arrested, even though he is still being held in prison with only his family able to visit him. There are also suspicions that he is being tortured and ill-treated, in what is a clear breach of Cuba's international commitments, including the Political Dialogue and Cooperation Agreement with the EU, in force since 1 November 2017.

In view of this:

1. What steps will the High Representative and the European External Action Service take to ensure the human rights of José Daniel Ferrer García and all other political prisoners in Cuba are upheld, as well as to secure his and their rapid release?
2. Will the High Representative suspend the Political Dialogue and Cooperation Agreement with the EU in view of the political repression in Cuba and lack of freedoms?