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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: Diplomatic immunity in Iran

Recent events, such as the renewed attacks ¹ on US bases ², led to protest actions in Iran ³.

This resulted in the arrest of British Ambassador Rob Macaire who maintains that he did not take part in protests against the Iranian government, but merely wanted to commemorate the passengers of flight PS752 who had perished when it was shot down by the Iranian armed forces ⁴.

Such a detention is in breach of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations and the United Kingdom is currently still a member of the European Union.

1. What measures does the EU plan to take to ensure the protection of EU Member States' envoys outside of the EU?
2. What impact do these violations by Iran have on the VP / HR's position regarding the nuclear deal with Iran?

¹ <https://www.zeit.de/politik/ausland/2020-01/iran-irak-angriff-ziele-us-truppen-demonstrationen-teheran-britischer-botschafter>

² <https://www.welt.de/politik/ausland/article204846330/Iran-feuert-Raketen-auf-US-Stuetzpunkte-im-Irak-Trump-meldet-sich-zu-Wort.html>

³ <https://www.tagesschau.de/ausland/iran-flugzeugabsturz-proteste-105.html>

⁴ <https://www.euractiv.de/section/eu-aussenpolitik/news/britischer-botschafter-dementiert-teilnahme-an-protesten-in-teheran/>