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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: Interpol's presidential candidacy

Even though the names of candidates for the presidency of Interpol, the international policing body, are not publicly disclosed, one of the candidates happens to be the UAE's Major General Dr Ahmed Naser Al Raisi.

The President of Interpol has significance influence, and the UAE's efforts to install one of its senior police officers, Al Raisi, as the next president, should be questioned and halted.

A number of foreigners and also some local citizens say they were detained and tortured by the UAE police for participating in pro-democratic movements and calling for human rights to be respected. The large donation the UAE made to Interpol in 2017 should not validate or justify human rights violations, the criminal justice system of the UAE or its controversial use of Interpol's 'red notice' system.

1. Is the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy aware of the UAE's poor record on human rights, criminal justice and the use of Interpol red notices?
2. What is the Commission's view of the situation?