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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: The arbitrary arrest, detention and death sentence of Dr Ahmadreza Djalali

Dr Ahmadreza Djalali is an expert on disaster medicine with both EU and Iranian citizenship. He was arbitrarily arrested, detained and sentenced to death by the Iranian authorities on false charges of espionage.

Despite many repeated calls for his immediate release and for the execution to be stopped – including in Parliament's resolution of 17 December 2020 – the Iranian authorities have continued to violate Dr Djalali's basic human rights, including his right to a fair trial and his right to freedom from torture and inhuman or degrading treatment.

Taking this into account:

What does the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy think about proposing targeted sanctions under the EU's Global Human Rights Sanctions Regime if the Iranian authorities do not free Dr Djalali as requested by Parliament in its resolution of 17 December 2020?