

Question for written answer E-004317/2021

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

Rule 138

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Subject: Sentencing in Rwanda of Paul Rusesabagina

Paul Rusesabagina, who did not receive a fair and equitable trial, in particular with regard to the rights of the defence, was sentenced by a Rwandan court to 25 years in prison.

In its resolution of 11 February 2021, Parliament called on the European Union to take immediate action to ensure that the legality of Mr Rusesabagina's arrest and trial was investigated and that his rights as an EU citizen were respected at all stages of his trial. The European External Action Service was also asked to strengthen human rights dialogue with Rwanda at the highest level to ensure that the country complies with its bilateral and international obligations.

I would like to know, in response to the EP's resolution, what actions the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and the EEAS have taken and will continue to take to obtain the extradition of Mr Rusesabagina to Belgium, a Member State of which he is a national and, thus, an EU citizen.