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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: Human rights situation in Rwanda

On 13 October, the Rwandan Government headed by Paul Kagame arrested a number of supporters of the opposition leader Victoire Ingabire. This follows the illegal arrest one year ago of Mr Paul Rusesabagina, which was condemned by the European Parliament in its resolution of 7 October, adopted with 660 votes in favour, adding to the mounting toll of human rights infringements by the Rwandan Government in targeting its opponents.

The second ministerial meeting between the African Union and European Union is now scheduled to take place on 25 and 26 October in the Rwandan capital Kigali. In view of this and the European Union's strong recognised commitment to the defence of human rights:

1. Will the European Union uphold its position at the meeting and convey its solidarity with persecuted dissidents, while stressing the Rwandan Government's obligation to comply in full with the values it espouses?
2. Does the European Union intend to re-examine aid for the Rwandan Government for as long as these numerous human rights violations continue?