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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: Investigations into the deaths of Ambassador Luca Attanasio, military police officer Vittorio Iacovacci and driver Mustapha Milambo and the WFP's role

Investigations into the tragic killing in the Democratic Republic of Congo of Ambassador Luca Attanasio, military police officer Vittorio Iacovacci and their driver Mustapha Milambo have revealed serious shortcomings on the part of the World Food Programme (WFP). Specifically, the WFP, which was responsible for the safety of the convoy in which the two Italian victims were travelling, appears to have altered some documents which originally failed to name Ambassador Attanasio as a passenger. The failure to communicate that information to the UN mission MONUSCO would have jeopardised the safety of the convoy. Despite receiving requests from the competent Italian authorities, the WFP has invoked diplomatic immunity as an excuse not to investigate the matter further or provide the requisite evidence. In the light of the above:

1. Not least in view of the economic contributions made by the EU and its Member States to the WFP – some EUR 2 billion in 2020 alone, what procedures can the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy follow to ask the authorities at that organisation to provide maximum transparency, cooperate as much as possible and carry out the further investigations requested by the Italian authorities?
2. If that does not happen, will he take further steps to support Italy?