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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: Russian intelligence operations against the Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

According to investigative journalists, hacker groups working for Russian intelligence are behind operations against the Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The hacks have allegedly led to a situation where 'Hungarian diplomacy has become practically an open book for Moscow through the hacking of the ministry's networks. Russians are able to know in advance what the Hungarian foreign ministry is thinking and planning, and this is happening at a very sensitive time.'

1. What steps has the Vice President / High Representative (VP/HR) taken to verify these findings?
2. Can the VP/HR confirm that the Hungarian foreign ministry has indeed been hacked by groups working for Russian intelligence and that sensitive documents have been compromised?
3. What actions will the VP/HR take to prevent confidential EU documents, containing security-compromising information, from reaching Russian authorities via hacks in the Hungarian foreign ministry?