In reply to the questions of the Honourable Member, the European External Action Service (EEAS) would like to underline its commitment to diversity, in its broadest sense, as a political objective and priority in its external and its internal policies, and its fight against any form of harassment or discrimination based on any ground mentioned in Art. 21 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU, including religion or belief.

The person concerned raised claims of discrimination (antisemitism) against the hierarchy, especially in a request for assistance under Article 24 of the Staff Regulations. Given the seriousness of the allegations that go against the values of the institution, the EEAS carried out an in-depth assessment of the request which found that no element of proof had been produced to support the allegations.

As regards judicial proceedings, the EU Court of Justice delivered three judgements in which it rejected two appeals lodged by the applicant and admitted the third appeal pertaining to the applicant’s irregular absences (see Judgments of 3 March 2022, WV/SEAE, C-162/20 P, C-171/20 P and C-172/20 P). The implementation of these judgements concerns financial compensation for these absences as well as for the legal costs of both parties and is ongoing.

Regarding the grounds for the termination of the former official’s employment, the judicial proceedings are ongoing (WV v EEAS, case T-371/21) and the EEAS can therefore not comment further.