In the time period indicated by the Honourable Members, the services of the High Representative/Vice-President (HR/VP), in full coordination with the Austrian authorities, who have primary consular responsibility, systematically raised the case of Mr Kamran Ghaderi through confidential diplomatic channels with the Iranian authorities. The services of the HR/VP will continue to coordinate with the Austrian authorities any future action aimed at facilitating the release of Mr Kamran Ghaderi.

As part of the EU active advocacy, the services of the HR/VP have repeatedly called on the Iranian authorities to ensure that Mr Ghaderi is kept in safe and adequate living conditions and granted medical assistance whenever needed.

The HR/VP also wishes to recall that it is not entitled to disclose the actions taken by the Austrian authorities concerning Mr Kamran Ghaderi be it past, present or future actions.

As the Honourable Members referred to the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, it is also reminded that Iran does not recognize dual citizenship.