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Subject: The case of Mahsa Amini: the Iranian regime's brutality against women continues unabated

Mahsa Amini was a 22-year-old Iranian Kurdish woman, originally from Saqqez in Kurdistan Province. She died after falling into a coma on 16 September following her arrest in Tehran by the Guidance Patrol of the Islamic regime of Iran¹. She was arrested because her hijab did not meet the government's mandatory hijab standards. The police falsely stated that she had died from heart failure, but further evidence demonstrates that she suffered fatal blows. The Iranian police say that Amini's death was an 'unfortunate' incident², and the regime denies that Amini was beaten.

The case has shone a spotlight on women's rights in Iran, and has sparked a popular protest against the law on hijabs and against the Guidance Patrol. Anger has also been expressed throughout social media.

1. How does the European Union intend to stop the Iranian regime from continuing its systematic and unacceptable violence against its citizens (who are repressed and assaulted in violation of human rights and freedoms)?
2. How do the Commission and the European External Action Service (EEAS) intend to protect all the brave women who are currently protesting against the restrictions which the extremist Iranian regime continues to impose?

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¹ Also known as the Morality Police: a special police squad in charge of enforcing Islamic hijab regulations.

² <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-62954648>

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