

Question for written answer E-003226/2022/rev.1

to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

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Subject: Change in EU policy towards Iran

Last week, a 22-year-old Kurdish woman, Mahsa Amini, was found dead after being detained and beaten by the Iranian regime for wearing her hijab incorrectly. This is a blatant violation of human rights, including the right to life, the prohibition of torture and women's rights. Furthermore, widespread protests triggered by her killing have resulted in the death of at least 41 civilian protesters at the hands of the Iranian regime. This is another blatant violation of human rights by the regime, including the right to peaceful protest. It is clear that the regime in Iran does not respect human rights or international law in any way, shape or form.

1. How is the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (VP/HR) responding, and how will it respond, to the actions of the Iranian regime?
2. In the light of this, does the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (VP/HR) believe that EU policy towards Iran needs to change?