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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: Support measures for the Irish embassy in Ethiopia

After two years of the ongoing high-casualty civil war in Ethiopia, the human rights situation in the country is constantly deteriorating.

In the light of:

1. the findings of the report of the International Commission of Human Rights Experts on Ethiopia of 19 September 2022 on violations and abuses of international human rights law, international humanitarian law and international refugee law;
2. the threats that international media reporters have been facing and the efforts of the Ethiopian Government to hinder their work;
3. the expulsion of four out of six diplomats from the embassy of Ireland in Ethiopia on 24 November 2021;
4. the hostile attitude and undiplomatic rhetoric of the Ethiopian Government's officials towards Ireland, an EU Member State;

We ask the Vice-President / High Representative Josep Borrel:

1. What diplomatic measures and actions is the European External Action Service and the EU Delegation to Ethiopia taking to support the Irish embassy against the hostile actions of the Ethiopian Government?
2. What initiatives they are planning to take to ensure that diplomats, UN officials and reporters are able to conduct their work unhindered?

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