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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: Repression and criminalisation of feminist and popular protests in Iran

Mahsa Amni's murder in police custody has unleashed one of the greatest waves of citizen protests ever against the Iranian regime and its constant suppression of the fundamental freedoms and rights of its citizens, particularly those of women. The limited information available tells of the brutal repression at the hands of the Iranian regime, in what has been identified as a wave of arrests and civilian murders. This week various media outlets have reported on the sentencing to death of three protestors, while organisations such as AI have highlighted at least 21 other cases of people who are at risk of facing the same sentence. The punishment appears to be being used to make an example of these individuals for the rest of the protestors. In none of these cases was it demonstrated that a fair trial had taken place. In light of this:

1. What legal measures or instruments has the VP/HR implemented or is he planning on implementing to effectively protect Iranian protestors both within and outside of Iran?
2. What contribution does the VP/HR intend to make in assuring those accused have guaranteed access to a fair trial?
3. What steps is the VP/HR taking to put pressure on the regime to stay the execution of those who have been sentenced to death?

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