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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: Situation of migrants of Haitian origin in the Dominican Republic

For decades now, the border shared by Haiti and the Dominican Republic, as well as the relative economic, social and political stability of the latter, have both been factors in driving thousands of Haitians to begin the process of migrating in search of a decent life. However, what awaits them differs hugely from what they set out to find. There are roughly one million Haitian migrants in the Dominican Republic, making up a group of workers without job security who are denied their basic rights on account of their irregular administrative situation. The situation has worsened in recent months with the mass repatriations carried out by President Abinader. The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights recently drew attention to these repatriations, emphasising the risk they pose to the population concerned. In view of the above:

1. Has the Vice-President / High Representative condemned the rights violations being committed on the Dominican Republic's border?
2. How is the Vice-President / High Representative defending the rights of Haitians who are in the process of being repatriated or who have already been repatriated?
3. How is the Vice-President / High Representative considering promoting the monitoring, recognition and protection of the rights of migrant workers in the Dominican Republic, particularly in cases involving companies headquartered in Europe?

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