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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: The case of Fahimeh Karimi

Over the past few days, reports have been emerging that Fahimeh Karimi, a volleyball trainer and mother of three, has been sentenced to death by the Iranian courts. According to the social media and various news reports, Ms Karimi was arrested during a protest in Pakdasht, accused of being one of its leaders and charged with instigating civil disorder and kicking a member of the paramilitary Basij.

Since the peaceful demonstrations following the death of Mahsa Amini – the 22-year-old girl who met her death at the hands of the ‘morality’ police after being arrested for wearing her hijab incorrectly, over 18 000 people have been detained by the security forces, including many minors, and 450 people have been killed during the protests. Moreover, announcements that the morality police force is now to be disbanded are in fact nothing more than a smokescreen for the undiminished repression of women and their rights.

In view of this:

1. Is the Vice-President / High Representative aware of the plight of Fahimeh Karimi and what further action is he planning to take regarding the Iranian authorities?
2. Is he now able to make an assessment of the impact to date of EU measures, including sanctions against those responsible for serious human rights violations?

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