

**Question for written answer E-000090/2023**

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

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**Subject:** Call for increased sanctions against Tehran's theocratic regime in response to the serious human rights violations suffered by the Iranian people

According to press reports, on 9 January 2023, Stefano Sannino, Secretary-General of the European External Action Service (EEAS), on behalf of the EU High Representative, summoned the Iranian Ambassador to the EU, Hossein Dehghani, 'to reiterate the European Union's strong appalment' over the execution on 7 January of Mohammad Mehdi Karami and Seyyed Mohammad Hosseini, who were arrested and sentenced to death in connection with the ongoing protests in Iran. In particular, Mr Sannino reiterated the EU's position on the death sentences against protesters and emphasised that human rights issues are at the core of the EU's external relations.

In view of the above, can the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy say whether, in addition to expressing 'strong appalment' over the death sentences handed down by the Iranian regime, it considers it necessary to adopt additional, more drastic sanctions against Tehran's theocratic regime given that the measures taken to date have not had any success?

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