

**Question for written answer E-002567/2023**

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

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Subject:     Coups in Niger

On 26 July 2023 there was a coup in Niger. The military coup leaders who ousted President Bazoum have since ordered several European diplomats to leave the country, including the French Ambassador.

In view of the above:

1.   What steps has the EU taken to condemn this manifestly unfounded and unlawful decision? What punitive measures does it plan to take against the coup leaders?
2.   Can the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy clarify whether measures have been taken to ensure that the members of the EU Delegation to the Republic of Niger are safe and able to remain in the country?

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