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to the Commission

Subject: EU protection and overseeing of the Ladies in White

Since February 2009, the Ladies in White (*Damas de Blanco*) have been demonstrating to mark the sixth anniversary of the wave of repression in 2003 known as the Black Spring. At their peaceful protests and demonstrations demanding the unconditional freedom and release from prison of family members who are prisoners of conscience, the Ladies in White have been subjected to continuous and growing persecution, harassment and serious threats from not only pro-government figures but also the Cuban authorities.

I would thus like to ask if the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Commission Vice-President has asked the EU Delegation in Havana to oversee and protect the Ladies in White – winners of the 2005 Sakharov Prize – against this aggressive treatment and intervene with the Cuban authorities on their behalf?