

**Priority question for written answer P-004536/2019
to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs
and Security Policy**

Rule 138

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Subject: Follow-up to the resolution on Cuba, the case of José Daniel Ferrer (Texts Adopted, P9_TA-(2019)0073)

On 28 November 2019 Parliament adopted a resolution on the case of José Daniel Ferrer and human rights violations in Cuba. It highlighted that the arbitrary arrest of Mr Ferrer and other political prisoners 'undermined the principles of human rights and democracy on which the Political Dialogue and Cooperation Agreement (PDCA) is based', and called for their immediate release. To date, the Cuban authorities have not acted, and Mr Ferrer remains in detention without a lawyer or a trial date.

Given the concerns raised in this resolution:

does the VP/HR agree with the Parliament that the imprisonment and treatment of Mr Ferrer constitute 'a case of special urgency', as set out in Article 85(3)(b) of the PDCA?

what have the latest contacts been between the VP/HR and the Cuban government regarding the situation of Mr Ferrer?

how and when do the VP/HR and EEAS intend to act on the points raised in this resolution, including the public condemnation of arbitrary imprisonments, the request for benchmarks on the fulfilment of human rights obligations, and reports to Parliament on the actions taken by the EU delegation in Cuba?