

**Priority question for written answer P-003520/2021
to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs
and Security Policy**

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Subject: Protests in Cuba

Last Sunday, Cuba's population and civil society erupted across the country in protest at the parlous economic and health situation. The reports that evaded the regime's censorship speak of thousands of demonstrators, in a show of popular discontent unprecedented in recent decades. According to some media outlets, the Castro regime has deployed its paramilitary groups and regular forces to quell protests.

Given the gravity of the situation in Cuba, the unprecedented scale of the demonstrations, and the EU's commitment to safeguard human rights on the island inherent in the EU-Cuba Political Dialogue and Cooperation Agreement it signed:

1. What measures do the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and the External Action Service intend to take to support Cuba's democrats and help usher in freedom in Cuba?
2. What will be the EU's response to the wave of crackdowns ordered by the dictator Díaz-Canel?
3. Do the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and the External Action Service intend to invoke the Political Dialogue and Cooperation Agreement's democratic clause in response the campaign against Cuba's democratic opposition?