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Subject: Human rights violations in Iran

Iran has intensified its systematic repression of women, minorities and opposition groups, with a notable escalation in human rights violations. Two years on from the 2022 ‘Woman Life Freedom’ uprising, no investigations or accountability measures have been undertaken by the Iranian regime for the human rights violations committed during that period. Women and minority groups remain the most vulnerable, facing an increasingly violent crackdown. Furthermore, the authorities have escalated the use of the death penalty as a tool for silencing dissent.

In the December 2022 Council conclusions on Iran, the EU reaffirmed its commitment to condemning all forms of systemic discrimination and supporting the aspirations of the Iranian people for their universal human rights to be respected. In this context, and considering that the EU allocated EUR 12.5 million in humanitarian assistance to the most vulnerable in Iran in 2024:

1. What steps is the EU taking to ensure that its financial support reaches Iranian civil society actors, particularly those working to protect women’s and minority rights, given the severe risks they face under the current regime?
2. How does the EU ensure that its critical engagement policy effectively addresses the increasing impunity for crimes committed by the Iranian regime, and does it include concrete measures for holding Iran accountable?

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