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

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Subject: Physical aggression towards an EU diplomat in Russia and protection measures for EU personnel

According to information in the international media which has been confirmed by the Commission's spokesperson, an employee of the Delegation of the EU to the Russian Federation was physically attacked in Vladivostok at the end of May 2025 during an official mission. According to diplomatic sources, the attack was carried out by persons associated, or suspected of being affiliated, with the Russian security services.

This unprecedentedly serious incident is an unacceptable escalation of the systematic harassment to which European diplomats are subjected in the Russian Federation. This act not only constitutes a flagrant breach of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, but also endangers the safety of European diplomats and directly affects the EU's ability to maintain a minimal level of institutional dialogue with Russia.

1. What concrete measures have been taken to protect the Romanian diplomat, or are being planned to guarantee the safety of EU diplomats in Russia and other high-risk regions?
2. What official steps have been taken vis-à-vis the Russian authorities in the wake of this serious incident, and what have been the outcomes of the discussions with Russia?
3. Is the European Union prepared to reassess the level of its diplomatic presence in Russia and take firm action, including sanctions, if no credible guarantees of respect for the status of EU personnel are given?

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