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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: Suspension of the EU-El Salvador Agreement in the light of massive human rights violations

Human rights and the rule of law are being breached almost constantly in El Salvador, and the government barely tolerates any criticism or opposition¹. There is also President Bukele's reprehensible cooperation with Donald Trump in imprisoning people who have been deported from the US in El Salvador's notorious CECOT mega-prison.

This appears to be a clear breach of the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Union and its Member States, on the one hand, and Central America on the other² ('the Agreement'), Article 1 of which clearly states that 'respect for human rights [...] and [...] the rule of law [...] underpins the internal and international policies of both Parties and constitutes an essential element of this Agreement'. The EU therefore absolutely must take action.

With the above in mind, would the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy please answer the following questions:

1. What did El Salvador do the last time the EU formally raised the human rights situation with the country's authorities?
2. Do the many violations of human rights and the rule of law being committed in El Salvador constitute a breach of the relevant parts of the Agreement, including Articles 1 and 2?
3. When will a recommendation be made that the Member States should assess whether essential parts of the Agreement have been breached to such an extent that action should be taken under Article 355 of the Agreement, including whether it should be suspended?

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¹ <https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2025/05/el-salvador-gobierno-profundiza-patron-autoritario-frente-al-descontento-social/>

² [https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:22012A1215\(01\)](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:22012A1215(01))