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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: Escalation of human rights violations in Iran

On 7 July 2025, Iran's *Fars News Agency*, affiliated with the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, published an editorial entitled 'Why the 1988 executions should be repeated', openly promoting mass executions of political prisoners. This incitement, combined with a dramatic increase in executions since August 2024 – over 1 400 – signals a dangerous escalation.

Recent examples include the sentencing of three opposition activists – Farshad Etemadifar, Massoud Jamei and Alireza Mardasi – to two death sentences each after two years of torture, as well as the imminent execution of Behrouz Ehsani and Mehdi Hassani. Between 19 and 20 June alone, nine prisoners, including three people of Baluchi origin, were executed.

These developments evoke the 1988 atrocities, described by the UN Special Rapporteur as ongoing crimes against humanity. On 4 July 2025, ten UN Special Procedures echoed this alarm.

On 3 April 2025, Parliament called 'on the Council and Member States to make the abolition of the death sentence and the release of political prisoners and EU nationals a condition for improving relations with Iran'.

In the light of the above:

What actions will the Vice President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy take to encourage the international community to increase the pressure on the Iranian regime to bring the mounting executions and repression to an end?

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