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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: Political repression in the Argentine Republic

Milagro Sala is the leader of a neighbourhood organisation in Jujuy, Argentina that fights poverty and helps indigenous families access education. She has been in jail since 16 January 2016.

She is now one of the oldest political prisoners in South America. Her health is deteriorating and she is deprived of medical care.

She was imprisoned at the behest of provincial governor Gerardo Morales, just a few days before she was due to take office as a member of the Mercosur Parliament.

International organisations – including the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and Amnesty International – have condemned this situation and called for her to be released immediately.

Milagro Sala's case is just one of many that illustrate the Argentinian authorities' decade-long repression of politicians and trade unions.

In view of the above, will the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy:

1. condemn the political and trade union repression by the Argentinian authorities?
2. call for the release of Milagro Sala and the other trade union, community and political leaders who have been arbitrarily imprisoned?

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