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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: The unlawful confiscation of Baha'i properties in Iran

Recently, Iranian authorities have intensified the unlawful confiscation of assets belonging to Baha'is. These actions form part of a four-decade pattern of state-sponsored expropriations since the Islamic Revolution. Since then, authorities have seized holy sites, cemeteries, homes and businesses, and frozen bank accounts, leading to the dismantling of families' lives and depriving them of their livelihoods, education and medical care. Such measures, purportedly justified under Article 49 of the Iranian Constitution, represent a flagrant misuse of law.

A judge of the Special Court for Article 49 in Isfahan reportedly declared his intent to 'ruin the lives' of Baha'is and to 'strip all Baha'is of Isfahan of their belongings.'

These expropriated assets are funneled into the Execution of Imam Khomeini's Order (EIKO), a powerful, state-linked conglomerate operating under the direct authority of the Iranian Supreme Leader. EIKO has been instrumental in the economic strangulation and impoverishment of Baha'is, long profiting from assets expropriated from members of this peaceful religious community.

Given these developments

1. What concrete measures will the EU pursue to hold EIKO and the Iranian authorities accountable for the ongoing, unlawful dispossession of the livelihoods of Bahá'is?
2. What immediate action will the Vice-President / High Representative take to prevent the economic strangulation of Baha'is in Iran?

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