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

Rule 144

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Subject: The human rights situation in Togo

In the light of the rapid and alarming deterioration of the human rights situation in Togo, where 35 political prisoners entered a hunger strike to denounce their prolonged arbitrary detention, lack of fair-trial guarantees, intimidation, and ill-treatment, what concrete actions will the Vice President/High Representative undertake to address the immediate risks to their lives and the broader pattern of human rights violations?

The detainees, journalists, academics, human rights defenders, activists, and students, are held solely for exercising fundamental freedoms, and the status of their health has now reached a critical stage.

1. Considering Parliament's resolution of 11 September 2025¹, and the fact that Togo remains bound by the Economic Community of West African States court judgments on arbitrary detention, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and the Opinions of the United Nations Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, how does the Vice President/High Representative intend to promote the effective implementation of these legally and politically binding instruments?
2. Furthermore, what specific steps will the Vice President/High Representative take to publicly address these violations, to mobilise coordinated action with the European External Action Service, the United Nations, the African Union and regional bodies, and to support the creation of a European mechanism capable of monitoring and responding to the ongoing repression in Togo?

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¹ Texts adopted, P10_TA(2025)0194.