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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 European Union's reaction to the recent human rights violations in Iran

Recently, the human rights situation in Iran has deteriorated massively. There have been widespread reports about the use of excessive force by state authorities, mass and arbitrary arrests, restrictions on freedom of expression and systematic obstruction of access to information, including through internet shutdowns¹. These practices are primarily affecting peaceful protesters, women and human rights defenders, and raise serious questions as to Iran's compliance with its international treaty obligations.

In view of the above, can the Vice-President / High Representative answer the following:

1. How does the VP/HR view the effectiveness of existing European restrictive measures related to human rights violations in Iran and how does it intend to look into updating them?
2. What concrete measures can the VP/HR take to support independent international evidence gathering for human rights violations and efforts to hold those responsible to account?
3. How does the VP/HR ensure that the Union's overall policy towards Iran remains consistent with its fundamental values, without undermining regional stability?

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¹ <https://www.un.org/en/chronicle/article/iran-protests-human-rights>

² <https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/iran-crackdown-protests/>.