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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas
on behalf of the European Commission
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The High Representative/Vice-President (HR/VP) consistently supports the Iranian people's fundamental aspiration for a future where their universal rights and freedoms are fully respected and upheld. She will continue to use all diplomatic opportunities to advocate for an improvement in the human rights situation in the country.

The HR/VP will continue to voice the EUs long-standing opposition to the death penalty and to call on Iran to pursue a consistent policy towards its abolition.

The EU's commitment to addressing the human rights situation in Iran extends as well to United Nations (UN) fora. The EU is an active advocate for accountability mechanisms and will continue to call on Iran to allow free and unhindered access to the country for UN mandate holders and to cooperate fully with the independent, international fact-finding mission. Additionally, the EU co-sponsors the annual resolution on human rights situation in Iran, introduced by Canada at the UN General Assembly.

The EU has implemented several sanctions packages¹ targeting individuals and entities for their involvement in serious human rights violations. The EU will continue to use all available tools, including new restrictive measures, to address all issues of concern.

¹ <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/policies/sanctions-against-iran/>.