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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas
on behalf of the European Commission
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The EU Delegation in Libreville and the resident EU Member States Embassies are closely monitoring developments concerning the case of former Prime Minister of the Republic of Gabon and political opponent, Alain-Claude Bilie-By-Nze and are regularly reporting to their respective headquarters. Since his arrest, the EU has met with representatives of his party, *Ensemble pour le Gabon*, members of his family and members of the Gabonese civil society to discuss his case. Human rights issues are regularly raised with the Gabonese authorities, most recently during the EU-Gabon Partnership Dialogue on 8 June 2026¹.

During this dialogue, the EU conveyed concerns regarding arbitrary detentions and other human rights issues, referring also to the perceptions of international Non-Governmental Organisations and the reputational consequences for the country. The EU will continue engaging with the Gabonese authorities on human rights issues, including alleged cases of arbitrary detention and the right of due process.

¹ https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/gabon/communique-conjoint-dialogue-de-partenariat-gabon-union-europeenne_fr.