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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas
on behalf of the European Commission
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The EU continues to closely monitor developments in this case. The EU Delegation has observed the June 2026 court proceedings at a diplomatic level and will continue to do so. The EU Ambassador regularly raises the case with Rwanda's Minister of Justice. The EU Special Representative for Human Rights has called publicly for Ms Ingabire's release¹ and for her to be allowed regular contact with her family, as well as for thorough investigation of the circumstances of Aimable Karasira's death². The EU regularly raises human rights issues in partnership, justice and human rights dialogues with the Rwandese authorities. The EU instruments support human rights defenders, civil society and initiatives promoting fundamental freedoms. A human rights-based approach is integrated throughout the EU-Rwanda cooperation. Respect for human rights remains central to the design, implementation and evaluation of all interventions.

In response to the escalation of the conflict in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), the EU has taken several steps to contribute towards a peaceful resolution. Recognising the role that Rwanda plays in the conflict, the EU has taken measures to encourage Rwanda to pursue a diplomatic resolution of the conflict and respect the ceasefire, including through restrictive measures and the suspension of security consultations. In line with the orientations agreed at the Foreign Affairs Council on 29 January 2026³, the EU continues to call on Rwanda and the DRC to uphold their commitments under the peace agreements, and their obligations under international human rights and humanitarian law. The EU continues to monitor the situation and will continue its engagement in support of peace and prosperity in the Great Lakes region.

¹ <https://x.com/KajsaOllongren/status/1985699408793518327>.

² <https://x.com/KajsaOllongren/status/2052792498108420097>.

³ <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/meetings/fac/2026/01/29/>.