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Priority question for written answer P-001922/26
to the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy
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Subject: Reaction of the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy to Zbigniew Ziobro's flight to the United States

Zbigniew Ziobro, a former minister in the Polish Government, has been accused of misusing public funds and abusing his powers while serving as minister of justice. He is suspected of committing 26 offences, including launching and leading an organised criminal group that allegedly misused approximately PLN 150 million. Furthermore, Ziobro is alleged to have been involved in the deployment of Pegasus spyware against political opponents.

According to the media, Ziobro fled to the United States after President Trump personally approved his visa. This kind of decision could be interpreted as an act that undermines Polish-American relations. The Polish Minister of Justice has announced that extradition proceedings against Ziobro will soon be launched.

In view of this:

1. Will the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (VP/HR) issue a statement on this matter to the United States?
2. Will the VP/HR take diplomatic action to support the Polish authorities in extraditing Ziobro to Poland?

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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas on behalf of the European Commission
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Issues regarding Zbigniew Ziobro's flight to the US are primarily a bilateral matter between Poland and US. Extradition requests made by the EU Member States to the US are regulated by bilateral agreements and the provisions of the Agreement on extradition between the EU and the US ⁽¹⁾, which is in force since 2010 and complements and enhances the bilateral agreements.

The grounds for acceptance or refusal of an extradition request are set out in the bilateral agreements.

⁽¹⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/EN/legal-content/summary/agreement-with-the-united-states-on-extradition.html>.