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Subject: VP/HR - Anti-homosexuality bill in Uganda

On Monday 24 February 2014 the Ugandan President signed a new anti-homosexuality bill. This law has been assessed by many as draconian, proposing harsh punishments such as life imprisonment for individuals accused of acts of 'aggravated homosexuality'.

Given that Article 10 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union commits the EU to combatting discrimination based on sex and sexual orientation, and given the concerns and regret expressed by High Representative Ashton on 10 December 2013 regarding this bill, can the Vice-President / High Representative outline what action the EEAS intends to take in response?

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