Question for written answer E-003495/2020/rev.1 to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

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Subject: Protection of journalists in the United States

Reports continue to emerge from the United States on an hourly basis of journalists, camerapersons and reporters being caught up in the protests that are sweeping across the country against racial bias and racial profiling by public authorities, notably the police. Footage continues to circulate of media representatives being violently pushed back even after identifying themselves as members of the press.

What is the position of the Commission and the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs on how the security and safety of European journalists covering the protests should be ensured?