

**Question for written answer E-001016/2024
to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs
and Security Policy**

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Subject: Most recent EU-Cuba Human Rights Dialogue

Following the most recent EU-Cuba Human Rights Dialogue, a number of agreed actions were published¹. These include the adoption of, 'during the first quarter of 2024, a schedule of technical exchanges in various areas of human rights'.

1. In the light of this, what steps has the EU taken to develop these exchanges, what is the current situation, and will the VP/HR and the EU Special Representative for Human Rights personally intervene to accelerate the process?
2. Given the particularly urgent situation facing political prisoners and their families, will the EU insist that these exchanges include measures that adhere to the Nelson Mandela Rules? We particularly want to highlight the emblematic cases of human rights defender, Jose Daniel Ferrer, Afro-Cuban Yoruba leaders Loreto Hernandez Garcia and Donaida Pérez Paseiro, and Christian Pastor Lorenzo Rosales Fajardo, in particular the conditions they face in prison and the situation facing their families outside of prison.
3. Will the VP/HR ensure the inclusion of independent civil society and human rights defenders during this process?

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¹ https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/cuba-visit-eu-special-representative-human-rights-and-4th-eu-cuba-human-rights-dialogue_en.