

Brussels 21 MARS 2018
A(2018) 779001-910732

Ms Ana Maria Gomes MEP
European Parliament
Brussels

Dear Ana

I would hereby like to thank you for your letter of 8 February 2018, wherein you draw my attention to the Human Rights situation in the region of Cabinda. I took note of your concerns and I would like to reiterate my commitment to ensuring the promotion and protection of Human Rights across the whole territory of Angola.

The EU Delegation follows the situation in Cabinda closely and meets regularly with Human Rights activists based in this region. The Head of the EU Delegation is planning a visit to this province in April and has already contacted the authorities in Luanda, as well as the Governor of Cabinda in this regard.

A joint EU Heads of Mission visit to Cabinda could follow. We believe this would provide a solid foundation for a structured and focused discussion with the authorities on the main challenges in the region.

There are positive signs that, with the new government in place, Human Rights matters will be addressed by national authorities in a more open and collaborative way. The current political context has opened many avenues for improvement and we must use the momentum as such.

I would conclude by assuring you that the EU Delegation in Angola will continue to closely follow the situation and take the appropriate steps to address the issues you raise in your letter.

Yours sincerely,



Federica Mogherini