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Dear Colleagues,

I would like to thank you for your letter related to the case of the Bahraini human rights defender Sayed Ahmed Alwadaei and his family members.

The EU Delegation accredited to Bahrain (based in Riyadh) has been closely following the case of the three members of the family of Sayed Ahmed Alwadaei and has been engaging with the Bahraini authorities on the matter.

More precisely, the Head of EU Delegation raised the issue with the Bahraini Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Manama in a meeting ahead of the final verdict issued by the court on 25 February. Moreover, the four EU Member States present in Manama attended the trial and the EU Delegation was in touch with them to gather all relevant information.

Following the final verdict, the Head of the EU Delegation took up the issue again with the Bahraini Ministry of Foreign Affairs both by phone and in an additional meeting in Manama, and conveyed the EU position on the matter.

Furthermore, the 40th session of the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva provides with another opportunity for the EU to raise its overall concerns regarding the human rights situation, including the right to a fair trial, in Bahrain.

Yours sincerely,

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