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High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission
Federica Mogherini

Strasbourg, 14 March 2019

Dear Federica,

I would like to bring to your attention the necessity for targeted sanctions by the European Union in Nicaragua, in line with the resolution on the situation in Nicaragua adopted today by the European Parliament.

The political situation in Nicaragua continues to be dire: the symbolic gestures made by the government - namely "casa por carcel" for a hundred prisoners - is just perfunctory. There are still hundreds of political prisoners who continue to be imprisoned, badly treated and for many, without access to rightful medical treatment, namely those that the European Parliament mission visited in jail last January - namely Lucía Pineda, Miguel Mora, Irlanda Jerez and Olesia Muñoz, among others.

There are political prisoners in hunger strike since 27 February - which the prison direction is trying to hide - including the Belgian-Nicaraguan citizen Amaya.

In order to implement the targeted sanctions precomprehended by the European Parliament in the above-mentioned resolution, I urge you to target the following personalities, for their role in corruption, misgovernance and gross human rights violations against the people of Nicaragua:

- President Daniel Ortega.
- Vice-President Rosario Maria Murillo De Ortega (also wife of President Ortega).
- Nestor Moncada Lau, National Security Adviser.
- Adolfo Joel Marengo Coreia, General Commissioner of the National Police.
- Alba Luz Ramos Vanegas, President of the Supreme Court.
- Ana Julia Guido Ochoa, Attorney-General of the Republic.
- Filiberto Jacinto Rodriguez Lopez, Head of the Commission for Peace, Defence, Governance and Human Rights at the National Assembly.
- Leonardo Ovidio Reyes Ramirez, President of the Central Bank of Nicaragua.
- Laureano Facundo Ortega Murillo, son of President and Vice-President.

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- Rafael Antonio Ortega Murillo, son of President and Vice-President.
- Gustavo Eduardo Porras Cortes, Member of Parliament.
- Roberto Jose Lopez Gomez, doctor and Executive-President of the Nicaraguan Social Security.
- Reyna Rueda, Mayor of the city of Managua.
- Sadrach Zeledon Rocha, Engineer and Mayor of the city of Matagalpa.
- Francisco Valenzuela, Mayor of the city of Estelí.
- Orlando Noguera, Mayor of the city of Masaya.
- Leónidas Centeno, Mayor of the city of Jinotega.

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