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Ms. Federica Mogherini

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

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Dear Federica,

I have received information that human rights violations by the Angolan police and military in Cabinda have steadily worsened. Both Angolan and foreign citizens are frequently arbitrarily detained, assaulted and battered. The detained are then taken to isolated areas where they are robbed of their belongings. Those who prove not to carry valuables are sent to jail, from where they are released only when the families pay heavy bribes to the authorities. There is a shortage of medicines in the hospitals, where corpses are frequently removed from the morgue due to power cuts.

Human rights activists who have approached me suggest that visits of EU Ambassadors to the Cabinda region, promoted by the EU Delegation in Luanda, are essential to help raise more international awareness of the situation. This would also put pressure on the central Government in Luanda to act on these violations.

I hereby urge you to instruct the EEAS Delegation in Luanda to promote such visits, whilst actively engaging with the authorities at their highest level in order to prevent further human rights violations in Cabinda.

Best regards

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