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Ms Ana Gomes MEP
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Dear Ana,

I would like to thank you for your letter regarding the condition of the Gdeim Izik prisoners. The comprehensive reports prepared by Ms Lourenço are extremely informative and have been shared with the Delegation of the European Union.

The case of the Gdeim Izik prisoners and their detention conditions are indeed a very sensitive issue to which we are paying very close attention. Representatives of the EU Delegation in Rabat have met regularly with the National Council for Human Rights (CNDH) to obtain information about the state of health and the conditions of detention of the prisoners. The CNDH has also kept regular contacts with Ms Claude Mangin. Moreover, representatives of the EU Delegation have observed the oral hearing of the civil proceedings.

Let me assure you that democracy and human rights are, and will remain, essential components of the EU's foreign policy and of its dialogue with partner countries, including Morocco. In this context, the EU has regularly expressed its concerns about alleged cases of ill-treatment and impunity. This political dialogue runs in parallel with the financial support provided by the EU to institutions and civil society organisations, with a view to reforming the justice system in Morocco and bringing its functioning in line with international standards, as well as the Constitution of the Kingdom of Morocco.

Yours sincerely,

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