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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

Brussels, 20 March 2019

*Dear Federica,*

I would like to bring to your attention the recent arrest warrants issued to opposition party leaders in Cambodia.

On the 18th of March, a warrant was issued by a Cambodian court to seek arrest of the Cambodia National Rescue Party's acting president Sam Rainsy, vice presidents Mu Sochua and Eng Chhai Eang, and former lawmakers Long Ry, Men Sothavarin, Ou Chanrath, Tok Vanchan and Ho Vann. They are accused of incitement to commit a felony and plotting to commit treason.

This main opposition party was disbanded in 2017, giving full powers to the party in power, Cambodian People's Party, and to its leader and Prime Minister for 33 years, Hun Sen. This new move distances the country further from democracy, as it is purely politically-motivated.

As per your statement on 11 February regarding the temporary suspension of trade preferences with Cambodia, I urge you and the EEAS to take these new developments into account and put further pressure on Cambodian authorities.

*Best regards,  
Ana Gomes*

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