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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

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Dear Federica,

On May 14, the European Union and Taiwan had their second annual consultation on Human Rights, and Taiwan reiterated the need to ensure the human rights of people detained or imprisoned in the European Union.

However, on June 7, Spain extradited 94 Taiwanese to China, suspected of telecommunications fraud. China has been pressing governments to extradite Taiwanese citizens, extraditions that Taiwan contests for implying gross human rights violations, given that China is a country that retains the death penalty.

Everyone has the right to the principle of presumption of innocence until proven guilty in court. These suspects were not tried and having been extradited to China, face the risk of torture and other ill-treatment, or even death.

How is the European Union now going to enforce the basic human rights of these suspects, considering that this case should be treated with respect for human rights and the rule of law and based on the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the Convention against Torture and the Refugee Convention?

*Best regards,
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