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Federica Mogherini

High Representative of the EU for Foreign Affairs/Vice President of the European Commission

Strasbourg, September 8th 2015

Subject: Trial of Marcos Mavungo in Cabinda, Angola

Dear Federica,

I have received information that the reading of the court's decision concerning the case of Mr. Marcos Mavungo, in Cabinda, Angola, was anticipated for September 14th (it was expected to take place on September 16th). Mr. Marcos Mavungo, a human rights activist and an economist working for Chevron in Cabinda, is in jail since March 14 2015 for attempting to organise a protest against bad governance and human rights violations in the province of Cabinda.

On August 28, the Public Prosecutor asked the court to convict Mr. Mavungo to 12 years of imprisonment on the charge of inciting rebellion – the maximum penalty allowed by law for this crime.

Concerning the detention and trial of Mr. Mavungo,

- 1 – Has the EU Delegation been following his trial in Cabinda?
- 2 – Has any representative of the EU Delegation and/or Member States' Embassies visited Mr. Mavungo during his detention period?
- 3 – Has any representative of the EU Delegation and/or Member States' Embassies expressed concern over the detention and trial of Mr. Mavungo to the Angolan authorities and pressed for his release?
- 4 – Will any representative of the EU Delegation be present at the reading of the court's decision in Cabinda?

Best regards

Ana Gomes

Member of the European parliament