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Ms Ana Gomes MEP
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Dear Ana,

Thank you for your letter of 13 December 2018 in which you refer to the case of Habib Ali Mubarak, a Bahraini citizen sentenced to 15 years in prison on a charge of arson.

The EEAS is closely monitoring this case as well as the overall human rights situation in the country, both from Brussels as well as through the EU Delegation in Riyadh (which is also accredited to Bahrain). All this is being done in close cooperation with EU Member States represented in Manama.

The informal EU-Bahrain Human Rights dialogue on 15 May 2018 in Manama offered an opportunity to discuss all issues pertaining to fair trial and the overall human rights situation in the country. Furthermore, in a statement delivered under item 2 at the Human Rights Council on 19 June 2018 in Geneva, the EU expressed its concern at the overall deterioration of the situation in Bahrain, calling upon the authorities to respect the right to a fair trial.

The EU will continue to use all available means at its disposal to address the human rights situation in Bahrain and hopes that the country will again find the path of dialogue and reconciliation.

Yours sincerely,



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