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High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy
Vice-President of the European Commission
Mr. Josep Borrell Fontelles

Brussels, 5 June 2021

Dear High Representative/Vice-President,

We, Members of the European Parliament, are writing to you regarding the information published on the 4th of June by the Spanish newspaper *ABC*, on the close relationship between the Spanish Socialist delegation in the European Parliament and the Cuban Embassy in Brussels.

Following the EPP and Renew Europe groups' request for a plenary debate on the situation in Cuba, the email exchange on which *ABC* reports shows the coordinated attempt to stop it between the Spanish S&D delegation, whose 2019 electoral lists you led, and the Cuban Embassy.

Most troublingly, and following the suggestion to notify the embassy, the email also stated that "*Borrell's cabinet is already aware*".

As High Representative and Vice-President of the European Commission, the Treaties have entrusted you with the duty to promote the general interest of the European Union, which you must carry with integrity and discretion.

The suggestion that your Cabinet could have been involved in preventing a debate on the human rights situation in a country with which the EU has signed a Political Dialogue and Cooperation Agreement is deeply worrying and merits a prompt explanation.

Therefore, we the undersigned, urge you to clarify your Cabinet's involvement in this incident, and to dispel any doubts on your impartiality as High Representative and Vice-President of the European Commission.

Yours Sincerely,

José Ramón Bauzá Díaz MEP

Co-signed by:
