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Statement by the EU High Representative Catherine Ashton on the execution of Ms Zahra Bahrami

Catherine Ashton, the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the Commission, made today the following statement:

"I firmly condemn the execution of Dutch-Iranian national Zahra Bahrami in Tehran on 29 January. The EU has followed her case very closely and raised it with the Iranian authorities. I am dismayed that the Iranian authorities denied consular access to Ms Bahrami and did not ensure a transparent and fair judicial process.

I reiterate the EU's concern about the steep increase in executions this year and note with equal concern the recent executions of another eleven individuals. I call on Iran to halt all pending executions immediately and to declare a moratorium on the use of the death penalty."

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