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Dear Ms Larrinaga de Luis,
Dear Mr Gonzalez,

Subject: EU-Cuba relations

Ref.: Your letter to the High Representative of the European Union for External Relations and Security Policy, Ms Federica Mogherini, dated 7 October 2014

The High Representative for Foreign and Security Policy asked me to respond to your letter dated 7 October 2014, which we received on 6 November 2014.

Human rights and fundamental liberties are at the core of EU-Cuba relations and this will not change in the context of our bilateral negotiations with Cuba towards a Political Dialogue and Cooperation Agreement.

Regarding the negotiation process, I would like to inform you that so far two rounds have taken place between the EU and Cuban delegations, in April and August of this year. In both cases, the EU invited to press conferences, one in Havana and the other in Brussels, to inform the general public on content and results of the talks, bearing in mind the necessary confidentiality to be upheld in an on-going negotiations process. I have personally addressed both these press meetings, which were very well attended and which were widely covered in international and Cuban media.

The EEAS has also included relevant information on the negotiations in our regular EEAS website on the EU's relations with Cuba: http://eeas.europa.eu/cuba/index_en.htm

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Leffler', is written over a horizontal line.

Christian Leffler
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