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Statement by EU High Representative Catherine Ashton on Sakharov Prize

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 would like to congratulate Guillermo Farinas on receiving the 2010 Sakharov Prize from the European Parliament in the name of all those who fight in Cuba for greater freedom and human rights. I regret that he has not been able to travel to Strasbourg to receive his prize in person.

The EU will continue to raise human rights in the EU-Cuba political dialogue and in bilateral meetings with the Cuban authorities at every level, including the situation of political prisoners, freedom of expression and ratification of the international bill of human rights. In this context, I welcome the recent release of a number of political prisoners in Cuba and I hope that the process will lead to the unconditional release of all political prisoners."

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