



Wednesday, 19 April 2017

To: Ms **Federica Mogherini**, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission

Re: The case of the Italian documentarist Gabriele Del Grande

Dear High Representative,

Sunday, April 9, the documentary filmmaker and writer Gabriele Del Grande was arrested in the Hatay province close to the Syrian border by Turkish authorities, and has been arbitrarily detained without any formal charges since then. He was denied legal and consular assistance and he was able to make a phone call to the family only after days of protests. On Tuesday, April 18, he announced he will go on hunger strike to demand his rights be respected.

We call on you as High Representative to take immediate actions to secure the release of Gabriele Del Grande and the full respect of his fundamental rights.

Thank you in advance for your attention.

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