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AUTHOR(S): Marietje Schaake	
SUBJECT: Wiki-Leaks case, transparency, press freedom and access to information in the EU (please specify)	
<p>TEXT:</p> <p>On August 10th the Daily Beast Blog reported that the Obama Administration has asked several of its allies including some EU Member States to consider filing criminal charges against the founder of WikiLeaks, Julian Assange. http://www.thedailybeast.com/blogs-and-stories/2010-08-10/a-western-crackdown-on-wikileaks/</p> <p>1) Can the Council /High Representative of EU CFSP confirm that such a request has been made at EU level? If not, in which other ways has the US administration reached out to the Council/High Representative with regard to either Julian Assange or the activities of WikiLeaks?</p> <p>2) If the Council/High Representative has indeed been approached by the US Administration, what is its reply?</p> <p>3) Has the Council/High Representative taken any action towards WikiLeaks? Does the Council agree that the EU should speak with one voice on this matter, so as to avoid the potential threat to the free movement of persons? If not why not?</p> <p>4) Does the Council/High Representative agree that the EU should stand by and defend the TEU when it comes to transparency, accountability, access to information and documents, press freedom, freedom of expression, and due process? If not why not?</p> <p>5) Can the Council/High Representative guarantee that no censorship, website blocking or other infringement on these basic freedoms will take place under the auspices of the Council/High Representative related to the WikiLeaks incident? If not why not?</p> <p>6) Does the Council/High Representative agree that technology has an impact on democracy, human rights and fundamental freedoms? If not, why not?</p> <p>7) Does the Council/High Representative agree that the EU needs a common policy regarding the impact of technology and the internet on democracy and human rights, both within the EU and in relation to External Actions? Would active promotion of unfettered access to information and to the internet be part of such a policy? Is the Council/High Representative prepared to make access to internet an integral part of her efforts and communications in the field of human rights? If not why not?</p>	
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