**López-Istúriz asks Borrell to include the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps as a terrorist organization**

**Strasbourg, February 12, 2020**. The PP MEP and General Secretary of the European People's Party (PPE), Antonio López-Istúriz, has requested the High Representative of the Union for Foreign and Security Affairs, Josep Borrell, considers including the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps as a proper terrorist organization.

“On January 8, Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps shot down a commercial plane murdering  176 innocent persons of which 16 were Europeans. However, the Iranian authorities have refused to cooperate with other states and have yet to give a thorough explanation of this event. This is yet another demonstration of the government´s incompetence committed by the regime’s ideological and expansionist armed branch, ”said López-Istúriz.

The MEP has recalled the brutal repressions of the Iranian regime during the demonstrations that took place last November in which 1,500 people were killed and another 7,000 irregularly detained. "These acts constitute flagrant violations of human rights and an unacceptable use of security forces to drown out freedom of expression and opinion."

For López-Istúriz, moreover, the recent events in the Middle East, which involve Iran “and its increasing aggressive tone have put the peace and stability of the entire region in grave danger. Since Iran has already announced that it will leave the Nuclear Agreement, the JCPA has clearly failed to reach its objectives so it has no reason for existence anymore. Will the EU withdraw from the Nuclear Agreement with Iran and proceed to re-impose individual sanctions to members of the Iranian regime?”

The Secretary General of the EPP has asked about these issues in the framework of Borrell's recent visit to Iran in which he has met with the highest representatives of the Iranian regime.