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to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
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Subject: VP/HR - EU-Colombia Framework Agreement on participation in EU crisis management operations

Bearing in mind the Framework Participation Agreement for Colombia's participation in EU crisis management operations and given the high number of accusations against members of Colombia's security forces for human rights abuses (such as the case of the 'false positives' in which civilians were executed to inflate statistics) and high levels of impunity, how will the EU ensure that members of the Colombian security forces with accusations pending against them do not take part in crisis management operations?

Given that the Colombian Government has tried on numerous occasions to change judicial law in order to expand the scope of military justice, and that these efforts have been strongly challenged by United Nations special rapporteurs as being likely to increase impunity, I am concerned by the statement in Article 3(4) of the Framework Agreement that responsibility lies with Colombia 'for bringing any action, in particular legal or disciplinary, against any of its personnel' in the event of complaints.

If the EU is inviting Colombia to take part in such operations, should it not also be responsible for the investigation and punishment of misdeeds?